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EDITORIAL

The Peoples War in Peru. You have seen it grow. It began in 1980 with a handful of unarmed soldiers of the revolution in Chuschi, Ayacucho. Now it is undisputably the most powerful liberation movement in the world. To paraphrase U.S. imperialism in describing revolutionaries in the world: "The deadliest and the most dangerous terrorist organization in the world." [*CIA Fact Book*] What is the strength of this revolution? Its ideology, which is today's Marxism: Marxism- Leninism-Maoism (MLM), principally Maoism, and for the specific case of Peru, MLM-Gonzalo Thought; and its leadership, the Communist Party of Peru (PCP). The broad masses of workers, peasants and progressives support this revolution throughout the entire country. *The New Flag* dedicates its work to the heroic people of Peru, the seeds of the Peoples Republic of Peru in the liberated areas (Peoples Committees), the Peoples Liberation Army and the unblemished leadership of the PCP: The Central Committee and the Regional Committees. We also honor our combatants fallen in battle and those comrades who keep up the struggle in the Luminous Trenches of Combat (concentration camps of Cantagrande, Chorrillos, Yanamayo and others) defeating the trap of "peace accords". This issue features SOME of the political and military actions of the Peoples War that have expanded countrywide. It is hard to keep up with events in Peru: the Peoples War, the political indicator in Peru is so dynamic. DESCO, one anti-PCP Non- Governmental Organization that stores government data on PCP activities, states: "We can't keep up with guerrilla activities in Peru. The Army gives us what they can and want. Senderos actions are everywhere." Yes, the PCP is everywhere "hitting the wall" with strength, keeping up the momentum with 15 years of hard-fought struggle now in a state of strategic equilibrium. As the finish line approaches, the crucial insurrections in the cities are being prepared.

The formidable offensive of the Peoples War coincides with the 15th Anniversary. The actions of the Peoples Liberation Army throughout the country, especially in Lima, Ayacucho, Huallaga, and the Northern Region, has totally silenced the songs of victory of Peruvian and world reaction. These actions of the revolution are too loud and powerful to be censored or silenced by the yellow press in Peru and the imperialist press worldwide. The precision in the synchronization and the accomplishment of the political and military objectives have been truly impressive. Detailed descriptions of some of these actions are in our section "News Briefs". In the interior of the country the ambushes against the Army and the takeover of cities are increasing massively, all which indicates the arrival of a great leap in the development of the Peoples War.

This issue also debunks the illusions of "modernization" being propagated by a regime based on the exploitation, hunger and genocide of the people. It describes the most successful boycott of the electoral farce of the dictatorship. The proletariat and Peruvian people clamor for more Peoples War. Only through armed struggle will real power be

conquered. Only struggle educates the masses, only the struggle discovers the depth of our strength, broadens our horizons and forges our will. We also have reports on the solidarity and support movement to the Peoples War in Peru which has expanded worldwide.

Finally, here in the belly of the beast, the people face a critical moment of a political, economic, and ideological assault unprecedented in this century, a time when the hard-fought gains won with blood and struggle in the 30s and 60s, for which so many thousands were jailed and faced persecution, are being erased. The Bill of Rights is being shredded. Budget cuts and austerities, privatizations, breaking labor unions, fascist creations like the Contract with America, growing repression previously saddled in Peru and other Third World peoples, are now here, borne on a tidal wave of racism. Support to the Peoples War in Peru is therefore taking place in an atmosphere of upsurge in political and social struggle. The Peoples resistance at home and the world show that Revolution is the main trend in todays world. People are coming to realize more and more that the path of struggle followed by the PCP is the only one that can lead to liberation. Other movements in the world have chosen other paths, the path of "compromise", the path of "peace processes", the path of "surrender and capitulation" to imperialism and its political tools (U.N., O.A.S.) as well as to its financial tools (IMF, World Bank). The results are not prosperity or peace, but more hunger and misery for the people. So, the Peoples War is overcoming the campaign of slander by the enemy, and overcoming the honest confusion of the people. The duty of exposing the real nature of U.S. intervention in general, and in Peru in particular, is more important than ever. For, in order to effectively fight against the developing social blitzkrieg at home, people need to understand the real nature of the forces behind it, and they are not simply Gingrich, Chirac, Clinton and the Republican Party. To deal with our enemy, we must be able to see how imperialism operates in every arena, in every environment abroad, as well as at home. To deal with our enemy, we must join our struggle with the struggle of the people all over the world, especially the most advanced struggle in todays world: the Peoples War in Peru.

The Editors.

Proletarians of All Countries, Unite!

Reject the Elections of the Genocidal Regime of Fujimori and Further Develop the Armed Struggle.

"When its existence is threatened, the rich ruling class always employs violence; from the moment that it perceives a revolution, the ruling class strives to annihilate it through violence...; it also employs violence to repress the revolutionary masses, right from the very moment that the masses start the conquest of Power" [Mao Tse-Tung]

Heroic People Of Peru!

The organized vanguard of the international proletariat salutes and honors you today, when you achieve great victories and rise up as heroic steel bastion in the invincible armed struggle: the Peoples War! You are breaking the deepest roots of the reactionary Peruvian State.

On May 17, 1980, in the very bowels of your unjust poverty and burning rebellion, you have risen up in storming fire launching the armed struggle. The fists of your children, flesh of your own flesh, dared to take up arms to overthrow the old order of exploitation and create a new world that truly serves the people, since the existing one is only one of misery and growing oppression.

These 15 years, rich in struggles through its weaving path, have given you decisive victories. They have been shortcomings full of lessons; in the end, the positive is what definitely counts: thousands of armed actions, starting with simple armed agitations to excellent and strongly developed mobile warfare; the PCP has multiplied its forces many times; the Peoples Liberation Army (EPL) is formed by thousands of men and women, mainly poor peasants, forged in years of struggle against the genocidal government and its armed forces; and what is most important, the New Power is materialized in hundreds of Peoples Committees exercising State functions, leading the support Base Areas in the formation of the Peoples Republic of Peru.

As Maoists, we believe that power surges from the barrel of the gun, this is an objective law, it means Power, the new emerges from the armed struggle, it comes from the masses of poor and oppressed people, it belongs to the people, and destroys what is old and reactionary. It is a fact that the major advances of the revolution have been conquered precisely in the years when the reactionary armed forces and the putrefied Peruvian State have intervene directly against our people. Because of its class nature, the landlord-bureaucratic dictatorship serving the imperialists, especially the Yankee imperialists, respond to the armed struggle with persecutions and total repression, following the dark policy of "steal everything, burn everything and kill everybody". Complementing this, the detentions, tortures, annihilations and mass killings are applied on the people, especially in the concentration camps filled with your best sons and daughters, the ground is being covered with their blood. But such genocides can never defeat you. The concentration camps have become shining trenches of combat, and for each one that falls, one hundred rise up and carry out the struggle to create and develop the Peoples Committees, the very basis of the New Power and the Peoples Republic of Peru.

An armed force has a class character and the strength of the State it defends; such fact is clearly expressed by the genocidal forces of the old State: first they manipulate paramilitary patrols (bands of landowners and their lackeys) protected and directed by the reactionary State, and, using death threats, press the masses to kill anyone called "terrorist", resulting in bloody slaughters, including the killing of journalists. Unable to follow their own plan, the reactionaries apply genocides, before and after the "democratic" elections, increasing the "disappearances" that are nothing more than murders committed by the reactionary armed forces.

However, since their "new plans" cannot separate the PCP from the masses, the reactionaries carry out the destruction of whole towns and agricultural areas, shamelessly stealing land from the peasantry to form sinister "strategic villages", in a vain attempt to restore the corrupted Power of landlords, supported by the reactionary armed forces, wanting to submit part of the population into militarized government camps.

The genocides, the bloody massacres are repeated over and over again in systematic attacks causing thousands of deaths. But in despite of all such crimes, Peruvian people! you continue to resist, because historically you are forged as steel, and you know the armed struggle that you sustain, you with your bread, your clothing, your work, and your blood, you know it is the struggle for your definitive emancipation, for the victory of the poor and the oppressed led by the Communist Party of Peru (PCP), the Peoples War is invincible! Not even destruction, persecution, nor genocides can force you to give in and surrender, you Peruvian people! Heroic people of heroic masses! Warrior people for just causes! Your revolutionary storm has blown away oppressors, including the representative of the Vatican State, the Pope, in Ayacucho; he has nothing to do with the religious feelings of the people, except to rule over the masses to benefit his own Power and lubricate a theocracy defending the old order. An what did the Pope do in Ayacucho? He placed holy water over the rifles of the murderers, consecrated the sinister graves, blessed the rich and justified torture, and above all gave blessings to the mass murderers starting with the political-military chief Hermoza Rios and his mercenaries, calling on the reactionary government to crush the Peoples War with efficiency as soon as possible.

Now, with the Popes offensive--and all others that followed--completely defeated, the circus for presidential elections starts unfolding. The old order of blood and misery needs the people to select who should carry out oppression under the name of "representative democracy"; this is the holy order of the capitalists and the landlord-bureaucratic dictatorship centered in the executive branch whose only support base is the reactionary armed forces.

People should ask: What has been achieved in five years of so-called "democracy" with the tyrant Fujimori? In synthesis, what have the people received from such farce? Nothing! there is only more hunger, misery and blood; the national industries have been sold out to foreign imperialists, increased unemployment, widespread corruption and partnerships of drug dealers and militaries, war against Ecuador to benefit U.S. mining companies, etc. Then, why vote? Why return to a government of misery and covered with blood? NO! The Peruvian people cannot vote because to do so is to validate a regime of misery and exploitation. Further, to vote is to defend and maintain a regime only to generate more corruption, genocides, oppression, and hunger. It will not be any different until the masses take up arms and destroy such old and dark history maintained by the criminal armed forces; it is a history of a putrefied system at the service of imperialist oppressors.

Can the masses of people in Peru vote in the next elections? NO!

People of Peru! Fathers, mothers, wives, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, relatives of those who have been disappeared and murdered, can you vote? Do you want to murder your own family? Do you want to help the murderers? NO! No, you cannot do that, the blood of the victims will boil in your soul, and their bodies will twist in your mind, because you would be killing them yourself, raising the bloody dagger to spill the blood of your own children! No, in Peru, and specially in Ayacucho, the only option is not to vote. Let the reactionary murderers solve their own problems, let them prepare their plans for more hunger and genocides. It is their problem, not yours, not ours. We cannot vote! We cannot betray our children! The Peruvian people are not traitors.

The armed struggle storms the country with illuminating fire, defying death, it defends the poor and the oppressed, it defeats exploitation and oppression, it ends hunger and misery. The Peoples War grows in Peru: in the North and the South, in the East and the West, in the valleys and the mountains, in the cities and the countryside. The Peoples War is invincible; the PCP, with its all- powerful ideology: Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought, leads the masses to serve the peoples interests, to serve their own interests in all aspects of life.

Peruvian people! Peasant, worker, proletariat, student, woman, youth! Remember, there are only two powers on the face of the Earth: the reactionary armed forces and the disorganized masses of people. But, the Peruvian people is no longer so, and today it is being organized and armed through the revolutionary Peoples War, invincible and just, because it follows Marxism- Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought, the only true science for transforming reality; because the PCP leads it; because the masses of oppressed people, mainly the poor peasants, support it; and because there is growing international support.

Comrades, Combatants! Peruvians! you already know all this! Because you have seen it and see it everyday right before your eyes, and you live it with your own participation. You are witnesses before the world! You, like no other, in Peru everyday, you give your generous work, your food, your sacrifice, your very blood; because your minds, your feelings, roar in Peru and tell the whole world: Without Power all is illusion!

Long Live The Heroic Peruvian People!

The Peoples War Is Invincible!

Long Live The Communist Party of Peru!

Advance The Strategic Equilibrium!

Combat And Resist, Reject The Elections Of The Genocidal Dictatorship

Resist, And Develop Further The Armed Struggle!

Movimiento Popular Peru (MPP), April 1995.

Perus Electoral Farce Played Out In The Midst Of The Intense Boycott Of The PCP.

The Great Elector And Guarantor: The Armed Forces

"The oppressed are allowed to decide every few years which members of the oppressor class will represent them and crush them in parliament." Marx

In Latin America, elections have solely been the instrument of domination by feudal landlords and big capitalists. Elections serve to maintain domination, preservation and legitimization of military coups and generate the deformed constitutions to serve them better, as is the case in Peru. As expected, the recent "presidential" election in Peru was held within the imperialist social order, as an instrument in the hands of the comprador/bureaucratic bourgeoisie that through contradictions and constraints has determined the class character of the elections. From this we can deduce the following:

1. The Peruvian state is a landlord-bureaucratic state, a dictatorship of feudal landlords and the big bourgeoisie under the control of U.S. imperialism. The peoples alternative is: Fight for the construction of a state of New Democracy that requires the destruction of the old order.
2. The Peruvian state, like every state, is sustained, defended and developed through the use of violence. The peoples alternative is: Revolutionary violence, surrounding the cities from the countryside.
3. The elections serve the landlords and the big bourgeoisie. They are not for the people, they are not instruments of transformation or "modernization", nor a means to overturn the power of the ruling class. From this we derive the correct line of using elections with the goals of agitation and propaganda.

The general elections of 1995, as expected, have been presented as a defense of the decrepit existing order and the evolution of Peruvian society. In this framework, the bourgeois parties like Cambio 90, Nueva Mayoria, Union Por el Peru (UPP), Fim, IU, Renovacion, and APRA upheld and defended goals and objectives that are fundamentally the same, and are only differentiated in form, means and methods.

Even the state apparatuses admit, in these elections, more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces and police have been mobilized. They have mobilized all their institutions, unleashing propaganda not only to get votes, but to pressure the population at bayonet point to vote and fight against the Peoples War; all of this aside from the lowest and most vile demagoguery. We emphasize the growth of direct participation in Peruvian politics not only of the repressive forces, but of the Catholic Church "as a spiritual power." At the same time, it is worth noting the performance of evangelism in the elections and of the non-governmental organizations (NGOs), within which Yankee imperialism acts. These

elections more openly show how everything is useful for the reactionaries who in the midst of their internal contentions, are capable of using everything to defend their group interests. What might they be capable of in the struggle against the people and the revolution? Within the course of the recent elections, they have unleashed four tactics:

1. They claim to have gained a military and diplomatic victory over Ecuador in the recent border problem.
2. They deny that the state is being hit harder than ever by the Peoples War, claiming that the revolution is "defeated" and 98% of its leaders are dead or in prison. This illusion of theirs only reflects their psychological war against the people.
3. They deny the record growth of at least 5 million people plunged into hunger and misery as a consequence of the politics of genocide in the countryside. As each past government in turn has crowed, they maintain there is an "economic miracle", that the people are being "modernized" and are better off than before..
4. The absolute control of the electoral process through the army and the SIN, with the complicity of the "observer" Gavidia, the OAS representative (another thug and former narco-president of Colombia) and the NGO "Transparencia", an appendage of Yankee imperialism. Thus, they carried out machinations with impunity where even the dead voted. Traps, schemes and fraud in the overseeing of the elections along with the background of repression and massacres mainly in the countryside, which reeks with the stench of fascism.

Taking into account the approximate figures of the "Total Calculation of the General Elections of April 1995" [*Caretas* magazine April 20, 1995] based on data from Perus Board of National Elections, approximately 31% of the eligible voters didnt vote. To this number must be added the void and blank votes which accounted for 41%. Perez de Cuellar obtained 10%. Therefore Fujimori only obtained 18% of the registered voters. Wheres the overwhelming majority publicized by the regime? Here is the self-proclaimed triumph of "democracy" and the supposed defeat of "terrorism"!

What stands out is the extremely low turnout for traditional candidates, including the revisionists of the United Left that barely got 0.5% of the vote. Where are the masses the phony "left" frequently boasts of controlling? The so-called Partido Unidad (Unity Party) of Del Prado, lackey of Khrushchev expelled from the PCP in the 1960s, allied itself with the representative of the big bourgeoisie Perez de Cuellar and thus it was buried for good.

The low percentage of the votes implies the collapse and extinction of the old traffickers of Peruvian politics and the consolidation of the "two hills" that contend for power: the genocidal military leadership with Fujimori at the head, and the Peoples Liberation Army led by the PCP.

Developing actions in different parts of the country, combatants of the Peoples Liberation Army (EPL) boycotted the elections, dealing hard blows to the rotten reelection campaign of the genocidal Fujimori, who seeks to reinvigorate bureaucratic capitalism and contain the growing Peoples War that has completed 15 years of victories this May.

With the slogan "Dont Vote! Seize Power!", the combatants boycotted the farcical elections, applying the four forms of struggle: agitation and armed propaganda, sabotage, annihilations and guerrilla actions such as:

- On March 26, a contingent of the PCP overran the police barracks of Julca and Bolivar in the department of La Libertad. Eleven policemen were annihilated and many soldiers were captured. The officers Miguel Ganoza, Fidel Perez, and Gaspar Alvarado, chief of forced recruitment for the Army were brought to justice in the middle of the public plaza.
- On March 29th, after chasing out the members of Fujimoris army, a PCP contingent overran for several hours the town of Chuschi, Ayacucho, the birthplace of the Peoples War in 1980.
- On March 31, at least 200 combatants of the PCP chased away Fujimoris genocidal police from their barracks and were joyfully greeted by the people. One barrack was destroyed, the town hall was burned down, and the people held a big meeting in the town square and listened with joy to the message of the revolutionary Maoists. Hundreds of youth then joined the ranks of the Maoists.
- In Villa El Salvador the streets were painted with the slogan "DONT VOTE!" and various balloting tables were taken apart by Maoist contingents in sector 3 among others.
- Similarly in the city of Huaraz the chief of the notorious paramilitary force (peasant ronda) Felix Epifanio Sanchez was annihilated. This killer of peasants was the most cruel and arrogant of the genocidal army in the North.
- In Lima, various imperialist firms were sabotaged; also in Lima over six local offices of Cambio 90 were turned to garbage by separate attacks of the Maoist guerrillas.
- In Leoncio Prado, Huanuco, the comrades took over the military base of Venenillo and five other military bases were simultaneously taken and then destroyed.
- In Piura (Huancabamba) and Huancayo there was a blackout, and then an immense explosion in a military barrack. Other actions occurred in Junin, Pasco, Apurimac and Huancavelica. In the North there was an armed strike on April 8th. In Tocache and Uchiza there was an armed strike for four days (April 6th--April 10th); in Ayacucho, the armed strike of April 8-9 paralyzed the entire city; in Callao, Ventanilla, Comas, Tahuantinsuyo and in Cusco there was sabotage and agitation with armed propaganda; in the central highway in Lima the shantytown dwellers were mobilized with flyers, they blocked the roads with stones, tires and other material, thus showing their rejection of the electoral circus of the genocidal dictator, while his cops with arms in hand and with painted faces vainly deployed themselves in the major locations. Thus, the Maoist guerrillas were able to implacably continue their actions.

These victories of the people are called by the yellow press in Peru "acts of banditry", as they desperately try to hide the truth. Overseas the press show only the government version of events, most of the time the "free press" quotes the opinion of the notorious army collaborators, the senderologists. For instance, Maria Luisa Martinez, a boot-licking

correspondent of Univision (Spanish TV in the U.S.) presents senderologist Raul Gonzales: "There is no more Sendero, all there are left are bandits". Then, she interviewed a Fujimori clown, the prosecutor in Huallaga: "Sendero is preparing its own drugs, I saw them with my own eyes." How ridiculous!

IMPERIALISTS, LACKEYS AND SENDEROLOGISTS: WHERE IS YOUR DEFEATED SENDERO? The crude slander of a defeated PCP ended as one more stupidity rather than as a psychological wrecking ball, like everything the police and armed forces of the landlord- bureaucrat state do. Just one more farce that not even the Yankee advisors believe any more when Fujimori opens his mouth. **WHAT THE REACTIONARIES DONT UNDERSTAND:** The Peoples War is in charge of an integrated force made up of the best of human element in Peru and is not comparable to M-19 in Colombia, the FMLN in El Salvador or the fleeting group in Chiapas, Mexico; all of them were opportunistic fighters or armed adventurers with no more ideology than the providentialist chimera that has led them to get bogged down in situations with no way out except capitulation.

These fighters have never constituted nor do they constitute the living expression of a Communist Party, unlike the Peoples War led by the PCP, which develops, despite the temporary bends in the road inevitable in any revolution, unconquered on the shores, mountains or jungle.

The hallucination of the reactionaries is to see the Peoples War broken down. Thus, in every election, the vulgar journalists, the senderologists and the political demagogues fill their mouths saying: "the big loser in the elections has been Sendero"; or when there is a pause in the acts of revolutionary violence, they trumpet that "Sendero is dying". When there are violent acts, the newspapers and television stations say: "Sendero is in a desperate crisis", "they have been defeated politically and militarily", "they no longer have popular support", as three of the most nauseating rats on the Peruvian political spectrum, the senderologists Carlos Tapia, Raul Gonzales and Degregori, have been saying now for the last 15 years (see *Oiga* magazine, March 20, 1995). The people know them well; and with their rejection of the elections, they have placed them permanently where every reactionary should be placed: The puddle of opportunism (*ganapanes miserables*). In other words, no matter how they look at the situation, for these reactionary gentlemen the PCP is already extinguished (didn't they say the same thing in 1991-92?). Nevertheless, the regime continues its massive purchases of helicopter gunships and heavy weapons, the cries for help to the Pentagon and Clinton, and the expenditure of millions of dollars to cover the costs of the counterinsurgency. In addition, more areas are subjected to a state of emergency and the suspension of all basic civil rights, along with a growing budget for the repression of the people.

The example which hits home is that in Peru, for 15 years, the proletariat under the leadership of the PCP has led the Peoples War, with the results recognized by everyone. In the face of this recognition, there is no slander or genocide that can prevail. While the fate of the Peoples War is victory, the fate of the reactionaries is counted, weighed and measured and they will not escape it.

Peru Peoples Movement (MPP), April 1995

Proletarians of all countries, unite! Long live May First, the day of our class! Greet the victorious advance of the Peoples War in Peru!

The Successful Third Campaign and the Sixth Military Plan.

"The Manifesto is a historic document that we no longer have the right to revise." Marx and Engels, June 24, 1872.

"The Communist Manifesto is the program for all Communists"

President Gonzalo, Bases for Discussion, 1986.

May first is the day of our class, the day of the international proletariat which reaffirms its unalterable struggle for popular democracy, socialism, cultural revolutions and the final goal: Communism. To Communism, as President Gonzalo says, "either we all enter or none of us enters"; it is our goal and we will conquer it through world-wide Peoples War led by the Communist Parties guided by Maoism.

Communism, which will leave behind humanity's pre-history to pass over to a society without classes, states, borders, armies, dictatorships, democracy, parties or any other power erected over the masses.

The international proletariat is fulfilling its historic task of reconstructing the Communist Parties that were destroyed by the modern revisionism of Khrushchev and his successors (Brezhnev and Teng). This historic task, indispensable for leading the people of the world in the new great wave of the world proletarian revolution that we are entering today, will confront the Third World War that is being prepared today by the same contenders of the two previous wars. Through Peoples War we will finish imperialism.

Without a party the class cannot assume its historic role of seizing power for the proletariat and the people in a country, and without Communist Parties imperialism will never be swept away. This task of rebuilding the Communist Parties that were destroyed by modern revisionism is precisely a struggle against those revisionists. The conditions for reconstructing the International Communist Movement (ICM) are excellent. The RIM is a first step toward the unity of the communists in the world.

Today revisionism has entered into total and complete bankruptcy. The general counterrevolutionary offensive led by the United States has reached its peak and begins to decline, it is crashing into the irresistible great new wave of the World Proletarian Revolution which no force in the world can contain.

Today the imperialists, principally the Yankees, wish to divide up the world like stolen loot. Nevertheless, today revolution is the principal historical and political tendency and this will grow. This is what we must see, aiming for the world-wide Peoples War and not towards imperialist world war.

Yankee imperialism, in its role of hegemonic power and global policeman is in essence a giant with feet of clay with ever growing problems. It is like the other former revisionist super-power that entered into disintegration; the same fate awaits the arrogant Yankee imperialists that show off and dream of a "Roman peace". Their tentacles will never be able to contain all the struggles of the masses, of the proletariat, and peasantry and the peoples of the world that rise up in rebellion more and more. Never in the history of the world have there been so many struggles of every type as there are today in the five continents. Thus, it is confirmed that revolution is the principle historical and political tendency in the world today, which will grow even more. There is no place in the world where there is no contention between revolutionary and counterrevolutionary violence. What happened to their uproar? Didn't they jump for joy about the so-called "superiority of capitalism", the "death of Marxism", the "failure of socialism" and other nonsense? Didn't they say that capitalism had found the solution to its cyclical crises?

They keep insisting on their old failed liberalism, today in its neoliberal version that advocates "market economies", "privatization", "individualism", "life and death competitiveness" and "export economies" that are leading towards a commercial war between the different industrial powers.

This parallels the trend towards greater levels of unsustainable hunger and homelessness, even within the industrial powers and superpowers. Are we going to allow this? No, in no way, we must finish them off. Enough exploitation and imperialist oppression! The order of today is the global Peoples War.

The struggle against exploitation is necessary, because without the daily struggle for better wages and working conditions, without this guerrilla warfare at the union level to impede capitals lowering wages below the subsistence level, the working class "would be degraded to an unformed mass of starving people", broken without hope of redemption (Marx). The question is whether the struggle against exploitation serves the preparation or development of the Peoples War; as Chairman Mao taught us, before the start of the Peoples War, everything should serve as a preparation for it, and once started, everything should serve to develop it.

Imperialists have trafficked in, and continue trafficking to the limit with the total and complete bankruptcy of revisionism, presenting its downfall as the downfall of socialism, when they well know that what has failed is revisionism and not socialism. They know that capitalism was restored in the Soviet Union with Khrushchev's coup, and in China with the coup by Teng Xioping. They have reduced to loose threads the tattered remains of their revisionist agents with the goal of defaming Communism and Communists. Now they begin to see the threat to imperialism posed by the fact that their revisionist agents, in essence capitulationists, are today totally bankrupt. The field is cleared and today

things are much clearer, which simplifies things for ever more revolutionaries and Communists to find the path for regroupment.

Furthermore, as the army of the starving grows, so too does the possibility of scientifically organizing poverty, of reaching the deepest and broadest masses, of sweeping away revisionism and opportunism, and it is becoming more difficult to fool the masses.

The Peoples War in Peru continues advancing.

Long live the Third Campaign, a brilliant and all-round success!

To illustrate the all-round and brilliant success of the Third Campaign and to see how and why it has been a devastating campaign which has powerfully struck the enemy, let us look at some of the more important actions (taken from "Some questions on national politics", PCP Central Committee, January 1995).

AYACUCHO COMMITTEE: Between August and November of last year, by applying the counter-campaign with an active defense, through the Peoples War, 100 troops of the genocidal armed forces were annihilated in 6 ambushes and other military actions.

HUALLAGA COMMITTEE: In the same period 58 soldiers and police were annihilated, aside from the sweeping actions against counter-revolutionaries, infiltrators and traitors. After many ambushes, assaults and harassment, the ambush at the army garrison of Previsto was carried out, where over a 100 paramilitaries were annihilated.

CANGALLO, FAJARDO: The Peoples War shows its growth, developing the seizure of towns, annihilation of informers, harassing operations, annihilating rustlers who acted against the people and as agents of the enemy, and carrying out the ambush at the locality of Chumbilla against a military convoy which inflicted seven casualties.

NORTHERN COMMITTEE: Seizure of towns, hit and run operations against patrols, annihilation of police officers and authorities of the old State, and the assault on the police base at Algormarca in Cajabamba which was totally demolished.

MID-NORTHERN COMMITTEE: There were incessant actions of war, with incursions and seizures of towns that have shaken up the reactionaries.

COMMITTEE OF LIMA: The September offensive, car bombings and sabotages: sabotage of the electric power grid; annihilation of police officers, intelligence agents of the SIN and their lackeys of the "Peace Accords" eliminated; widespread agitation and propaganda; harassment of police posts; car bombing of two Peruvian Air Force bases, the SINs torturer Segisfredo Luza and the Donofrio factory (for exploiting their workers); the ambush and seizure of FAL rifles in Comas (November); sabotage against banks and financial institutions; fire bombing the commercial chains of the big bourgeoisie, among other actions.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE: There is persistent growth of the Peoples War, added to which is the heroic resistance of the prisoners of war who fight the enemy under very difficult conditions, persisting in combating, mobilizing and producing, converting the gloomy dungeons of the reactionaries into Shining Trenches of Combat, cursing what the few traitors say, those human wretches that promote the "Peace Accord", loyal servants of Yankee imperialism.

Let Us Reaffirm Ourselves On The Basis Of Party Unity.

Prepare the Strategic Offensive towards Building the Seizure of Power!

The Blatant Electoral Fraud by Fujimori.

As was expected, the elections of April 9 did not "legitimize" Fujimori but have totally and completely delegitimized him. The whole world has seen the television images of the seizure of forged ballots. The treacherous fraud by the genocidal, sell-out dictatorship is in plain sight of the whole world. This is not all, it is more important to analyze the results and extract the political implications. They did the same thing as in previous elections: First, spreading ideas about "splits in Sendero", "surrenders", "repentants" and other slanders. Later they presented the boycott as a general impediment to the nationwide elections. Then, they hold the elections and said: "Sendero is the first loser." Today they say: "The country is pacified", "we no longer need the hooded judges", etc. Then, the results come in and the formidable advance of the Party and the Peoples War can be clearly seen, especially in the countryside.

Let us look at the following tables:

Absenteeism

Registered Voters	11,369,570	100%
Non Voters (did not vote)	3,504,052	30.82%
Voters	7,865,518	69.18%

Null And Blank Votes

Voters	7,865,518	100%
Null and blank	4,681,919	59.5 %
Valid votes	3,183,599	40.5 %

Percentage Of Valid Votes (3,183,518 = 100 %)

Cambio 90 (Fujimori)	2,046,099	64.3%
UPP (Perez de Cuellar)	700,374	22.0 %
United Left (IU)	15,918	0.5%
Others	579,753	13.2 %

Absolute Figures With Respect To All Registered Voters

Total registered	11,363,570	100 %
Absenteeism (did not vote)	3,504,052	30.82 %
Blank, lost and null votes	4,681,639	41.18%
Fujimori + fraud	2,046,522	18.0 %
Perez de Cuellar and others	1,137,499	10.0 %

Source: National Board of Elections (Jurado Nacional de Elecciones, *Caretas*, April 20, 1995 through Internet).

From the general results, we can first see that the historical tendency of absenteeism is strengthening. This time the non-voters reached 30%; coupled with the null and blank votes this is well over half the electorate which openly rejects the electoral system.

On the other hand, we can see the growing polarization of Peruvian society in the whole of society, as well as in the heart of the reactionaries.

Finally, we see the total debacle of the reactionary parties, especially revisionism and APRA. All of this is very good for the revolution and expresses the approach of the revolutionary crisis (the moment that will initiate the insurrections) fostered by the Peoples War and led by the PCP.

In synthesis: the success of the boycott tactic, the increasing polarization of the class struggle, the debacle of the political parties, especially the revisionists and APRA, is evident. In addition, the elections were stained from head to toe with fraud.

The elections of April 9, 1995 are an international scandal and have brought the entire parliamentary system to a state of putrefaction, showing ever greater manifestations of the new fascism. The successful boycott, the highest level in the history of Peru, shows the advance of the Peoples War of Liberation.

Long Live The New Great Wave Of The World Proletarian Revolution!

The New Great wave of the world proletarian revolution begins to develop. It is irresistible and no force in the world can contain it. All of this is happening in the midst of the general bankruptcy of modern revisionism and the most sinister moment of the inexorable sinking of decrepit imperialism.

The general counterrevolutionary offensive led by Yankee imperialism has reached its peak and begins its decline. It no longer grows, it starts to fall! What is growing now is the Marxist counteroffensive in the beginning of the new great wave of the World Proletarian Revolution. This is because all processes develop in waves bringing the triumph of the new, the World Proletarian Revolution. It is the ever increasing crests and troughs of struggle that will bring about the final sinking of imperialism.

The new always replaces the old, this is an incontrovertible tendency which is expressed ever more clearly as the new society begins to grow everywhere. The tendency towards revolution is not only historical but also political. It depends on the transforming actions

of man which in turn depend on the forms of organization and struggle, by all means necessary, but principally peoples war led by a Communist Party.

In Defense of the Leadership, Against the Genocidal Dictatorship!

Long Live Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought!

Long Live the Peoples War for the Liberation of Peru!

Long Live the New Great Wave of the World Proletarian Revolution!

Long Live the First of May!

Long Live the World Proletarian Revolution!

May 1, 1995. Peru Peoples Movement

The Law of Impunity and "Presidential Absolutism"

As expected, the dictatorship is freeing its butchers, members of death squads, the killers of El Fronton, Lurigancho, la Cantuta and other crimes.

After 15 years of People's War, the genocidal governments of Belaunde, Alan García and Fujimori, especially the latter, have perpetrated mass murders in their desperate desire to drown the revolution in blood. To date there are tens of thousands of people killed with impunity by the military. The hyenas who have ordered the killings to be carry out have never even been accused, for the most part. However, a tiny number of them, in spite of the systematic cover-up, were prosecuted and received light sentences.

Today Fujimori is setting them free! This has caused astonishment even among Fujimori's followers in his parliament. Let us recall that Fujimori has a majority in parliament even though he has only won the election in parliament with 15% of the electorate and blatant fraud. This measure was so extreme that even a part of Fujimori's clique seated in parliament has resisted approving the amnesty law for the butchers of the Andes, the prisons, La Cantuta, Barrios Altos, among others.

The wave of indignation continues to grow with the tide of new contingents, stirring the waters of general discontent with Fujimori. For having committed abominable crimes, they are being freed. It is worthwhile to ask ourselves why. We can find the answer if we see his powerlessness in the face of the advance of the People's War and his electoral debacle. Today Fujimori, having barely begun his second term with more than two thirds of the electorate against him, finds himself completely delegitimized and sees the imperative need to increase the repression and genocide against the people. To do this, he

needs to prop himself up with his henchmen. What better way than to guarantee them impunity!

We know well that the struggle against the genocidal dictatorship, which was left completely delegitimized with the elections last May, will increase the political, economic and military setbacks of this regime, which is the most pro-imperialist sell-out government in the history of Peru so far. They know that soon they will have neither time nor possibilities to move freely, not even inside the government palace.

Throughout history, in times of war, all reactionary governments are forced to increase absolutism while all revolutionary governments in formation increase democracy. In light of this, the situation forces dictators to be more dictatorial, even more absolutist with increasingly fascist methods, whereas the revolution gives the masses greater capacity to govern themselves directly, developing popular democracy.

Where is the objectivity of the packs of journalists controlled by the United States? Why are they silent about this disgrace? Because they are what they are, representatives of the exploiting classes, lackeys at the service of imperialism, mercenaries that sell their words for trinkets. For this reason it is the people themselves who must denounce this crime, and this is what we should do, spreading the news by word of mouth and unmasking the intentions of the genocidal dictatorship, the sell-out Fujimori and his master Yankee imperialism.

The people, and only the people, will judge and punish the criminals!

We must demand justice and denounce the shameful impunity before the eyes of the world. Let us expose the fallacy of their "human rights", their laws, the false "objectivity" of their "free press". Know it well: Fujimori's government with its 18% majority is really an openly genocidal dictatorship that is muddying its flunkies and defenders from head to toe!

Public opinion in Peru is becoming more conscious of the absolutist character of the genocidal Fujimori who he is using more fascist methods. We must see through his "direct democracy", the total control of the judiciary, a decorative parliament, control of the press through pressure and economic blackmail, manipulation of public opinion with his "psychosocial strategy" with opinion polls. For example, concerning the release of the butchers, they say that Fujimori's popularity has increased eight points when in reality the great majority is outraged. But what is predominant is the presidential absolutism in the midst of a growing reactionarization of the State.

Building the seizure of power! This is the task of the Party, the class and the people; the people assumes it because it is growing more conscious that there is no other way out for Peru. There is no other solution than the seizure of power nationwide and the installation of the People's Republic of Peru. Building the Seizure of Power implies building organizations superior to those of the enemy, it signifies building up the Communist Party (growth and consolidation), building up the People's Liberation Army (expansion

and stabilization of the New State) and widening the United Front to seize power, uniting the Peruvian people in turn around the following concrete program:

Against hunger, unemployment and the crisis!

Against the repression and genocide!

Against the old state and imperialism!

For land, wages and national production!

For the rights of the people and People's War!

For the People's Republic of Peru!

In Defense Of The Leadership, Against The Genocidal Dictatorship!

Long Live The People's War For The Liberation Of Peru!

Long Live The Communist Party Of Peru!

We Salute The Birth Of The People's Republic Of Peru!

Down With The Impunity Of The Tyrant Fujimori!

Yankees Out Of Peru!

MPP, June 20, 1995

PCP Defends the Life of President Gonzalo With More People's War!

Worldwide Actions to Defend his Life!

Once again, the cynical genocidal Fujimori is making a mockery of world opinion, and has openly announced he plans to assassinate President Gonzalo in less than three years. In an interview with the newspaper *O' Globo* from Brazil, he said: "I think he should remain isolated. But before he dies, within three years, I will allow him to give one interview..."

From his filthy mouth Fujimori confirms the total isolation of our beloved and heroic President Gonzalo. He arrogantly affirmed: "He is very sick. He suffers from psoriasis and is very depressed. No one lives long in the prison where he is held."

How could this reptile believe that assassinating President Gonzalo with impunity, plunging him into absolute confinement and depriving him of medical care could not provoke the just outrage and indignation of the peoples of the world? Especially now that the heroic Peruvian people are getting ready to take a great leap in the People's War and even more express their love and admiration for the greatest living Marxist-Leninist-Maoist on the face of the earth.

What does the running dog and sinister butcher Fujimori believe? Who is he fooling by boasting that he will stop the triumph of the People's War in Peru? We remind this wretch about the accords of the Central Committee of the PCP and the oath of all the militants, fighters and masses who struggle for the revolution: **"We resolutely warn the sell-out murderer Fujimori; the cowardly and genocidal Armed Forces that control him, specialists in defeat and experts in fattening themselves on the unarmed masses; the ecclesiastical hierarchy, judges and bureaucrats that praise and condone the genocide and their great puppeteer, Yankee imperialism, that they are responsible for the life and health of our leader. If something happens to him, they will pay with their lives and those of their cohorts, whatever the cost may be."** (Extracted from *El Diario*, Lima, January 1994.)

Democracy and the War of Resistance

Extracted from the book: "Let the Strategic Equilibrium Rock the Country." Central Committee of the Communist Party of Peru, 1991.

The text by Chairman Mao, in "Interview with the English journalist James Bertram", pg. 51 of the second volume, the title "democracy and the war of resistance"; we already have studied it for the *Preparatory Session of the II Plenum*, pg. 355 to 357, says:

"For us the problem of how to develop democracy in order to further strengthen our work for the development of the New State is of much interest; here Chairman Mao deals with the problem of democracy and links it to war. Mao upholds that democracy is not contrary to Peoples War; he upholds that in August, 1936, the Communist Party of China launched the order for the Democratic Republic with three characteristics, specifically:

1. The State and the government are supported through a class front, it is a joint dictatorship. Within the criteria of democratic revolution being followed, the problem is to what extent the national bourgeoisie participates in government, but the key question is on which side it is; in our Program their interests are respected. The problem is to develop a State system as a joint dictatorship of three classes, as we are doing it now, or of four including the national bourgeoisie, which in perspective we have to deal with in concrete.
2. Government is organized according to democratic centralism, Chairman Mao tells us it is a contradiction. In our case both aspects are necessary; democracy is the base, centralism leads it. We must persist with democratic centralism to develop the New State and to further express its democratic character. This problem is particularly linked to developing the relationship with the peasantry, in concrete

in relation to proletarian leadership over the peasantry. The reactionaries insist and will continue to insist that we attempt to substitute the will of the masses and their forms of organization, specially that of the peasantry; this is totally false, the point is that we create the New Power and need to develop it further, and its base is construction of the Peoples Committees, in this way we jointly develop the community and the peasant work. We must show to the peasantry that their communities are attacked by reactionary legislation, that the actual organic mechanisms aim to their oppression and control; in the mean time the Peoples Committees provide the peasantry, principally the poor peasants, with the concrete exercise of Power in all its forms, in alliance with the proletariat, and under proletarian direction through the Communist Party. We must direct our efforts towards initiating the Peoples Assembly and the organizations that compose it; each time we must aim at the Peoples Committees to organize further the social life of all the people, so that the masses obtain real and concrete benefits; show the people through actions, principally to the poor peasants, that the Peoples Committees, that the New Power is to their own benefit, that it serves their interests; and struggle so that those below exercise Power even further, they themselves.

We should maintain centralism and manage it always as a guideline, and the key is the Partys direction. The arming of the people is realized in concrete through the Peoples Guerrilla Army (EGP) in its form as a basic force and as support for the Peoples Committees; then, it is the peasantry itself, specially the poor peasants, who conforms such army and guarantees the New Power. Without forgetting that the Party has absolute direction of the EGP.

3. The government guarantees to the people the strict fulfillment of the rights of the people, which include political liberties, specially freedom to organize and arm itself. Chairman Mao also teaches that there is no insurmountable gap between democracy and centralism, both are necessary. On one side, the government that we want must truly represent the will of the people, counting on the will and support of the broad masses of people; and such masses must enjoy the freedom that will allow them to support and influence its policy, it is part of their participation in exercising Power. This is the meaning of democracy, give great importance to it. At the same time the centralization of the administrative power is necessary; the elected government will carry out policy once the political measures demanded by the people are transmitted with the approval of the representative body. Hereby is the importance of the Assembly and generated organizations, in this way the people will carry out policy. A decisive thing is the leadership of the Party. Mao tells us that only by establishing democratic centralism can a government be truly strong. In our case, if there is a foreign invasion, the establishment of democratic centralism will allow us to have in reality a strong government, which is much more necessary in such circumstances.

Chairman Mao tells us that systems of government in times of war can be divided in two types: democratic centralism and absolute centralization, depending on the nature of the war. Unjust wars generate a government of absolute centralism without any need for

democracy. This government, in order to carry out major developments in countersubversive wars, necessarily unfolds a system of absolute centralism and negates democracy, it struggles against democracy, it persecutes democracy, and such positions are increasingly expressed every time, regardless of the loud calls for "democracy". Such is its course, and it cannot get out of it. In a just war democratic centralism is a necessity, it serves the people and has the peoples approval. The more democratic the government the more possible to democratically carry forward the Peoples War, this is why it is fundamental to develop peoples democracy. It is a key factor to develop peoples democracy, it is essential for our course: the conquest of Power.

We need the people as direct participants, so that the masses themselves carry out further and further the Peoples War; in this way the Peoples War will express all its power because it is a war of the masses. We have nothing to fear from the mobilization of the masses in the Peoples War, on the contrary, we need it; what could worry us is the lack of people participating in the Peoples War. On the other hand, imperialism and reactionaries, in their urge to annihilate the Peoples War, employ the masses as cannon fodder, then a struggle emerges and the masses, the people, increasingly become the arena of struggle, so starts a complex and bloody development of the contradiction between reactionaries and imperialism to mobilize the masses in support of their countersubversive war, and us to mobilize the masses for the Peoples War. This is a fact that we must face with clarity and great resolution; especially when today it occurs at a higher level with the arming and increasing numbers of the old vigilante patrols (mesnadas) now reorganized as "peasant patrols", "defense committees", "urban patrols", etc. Once again the masses are the arena of struggle between revolution and counter-revolution in this new stage of strategic equilibrium.

Objectively, the reactionaries do not represent the interests of the people; we do; they cannot win the masses to their side, so the masses are oppressed and forced to follow the reactionaries, and this causes resistance. We are able to lead the masses because we represent their interests and, after all, this hard struggle makes the masses to come over to our side, this is why we need to give them more democracy. If we view the period when this struggle occurs, it is not enough that the reactionaries cannot represent the masses nor that we represent the peoples interests. We must strive to be superior over the reactionaries, so we can defeat their sinister campaigns and counter-revolutionary plans, to beat them down in all levels. This requires the development of our politics, in particular the Peoples Front and the Peoples War, to make these more massive. But such tasks are defined according to how we handle ideology and politics; how we carry out the Party program, in special the concrete aspects of it; how we propagate such among the masses through actions complementing propaganda and agitation; how we organize the masses in every way, principally to arm themselves and exercise New Power, so they see the New State as theirs, because it truly benefits them. It must be very clear in the whole country that the masses really exercise Power; this is an unprecedented fact and we should spread it. Our central problem is to extend the New State, develop it; such is our determination in this period being guided by the conquest of Power in the whole country, by the construction of this conquest.

Chairman Mao tells us that the nature of the war determines the relations between the government and the people. This is a law of history. We are part of such law, let us fulfil it with firm resolution and conviction, by following such path we will conquer power in the whole country. This text is extremely important; study it and apply it.

Finally, we insist on two problems: First, the reaction, the Peruvian State in concrete, it needs to apply absolute centralism in order to direct its counter-revolutionary war, if it does not apply such it will not be able to organize, much less develop, the defense of its old order; having reached the strategic equilibrium, this need becomes more urgent, this is the reason for the new measures and decrees given for the State and in particular regarding the role and direction of the armed forces, which now have legal authorization to intervene in all areas and in the whole country. But this process is not over yet, it is only a step in absolute centralization, in the major negation of bourgeois democracy, in the growing reactionary character of the old State, they will take more steps out of necessity; thus, their bourgeois falls to pieces, and each time further; they do it themselves, they cannot escape this; the cries, shouts and democratic poses of the old reactionary parties, their cheap talk in parliament, are nothing more than that, as part of the development of absolute centralization to combat the Peoples War. Nevertheless, once again we must clarify that we are not for a coup d'etat and let us re-emphasize that the people has never been asked for permission, nor consulted in regard to this matter; the reactionaries do so only when it serves their interests. But, in the actual situation, the most profound question is not the coup d'etat, the question is the absolute centralization they follow. At present what is unfolding is an absolutism of the executive branch, a presidential absolutism centering around Fujimori; this is the road being followed by the growing reactionary character of the Peruvian State, being supported and served by the armed forces while fulfilling the States repressive and bureaucratic system, extending its military control over the population. This growing reactionary character of the State is proceeding principally as the answer to the strategic equilibrium, to the second stage of the Peoples War that we advance; it is a solid political demonstration of the strategic equilibrium we have reached, it is the best and most simple evidence. At the same time, it is the most effective rejection of the farce "strict respect for human rights" that Fujimori and his government attempt to sell abroad so as to facilitate the growing imperialist intervention, principally Yankee imperialism, against the Peoples War. Moreover, let us remember that the First Session of the Central Committee (February 1990) established that whoever took over the government, he would have three tasks: reinvigorate bureaucratic capitalism, re-adjust the State and annihilate the Peoples War; in this respect then the measures and legislative decrees also aim at reinvigorating and readjustment.

The second problem that we insist on is that the development of the Peoples War is linked to democracy, to democratic centralism; the Peoples War necessarily requires, and at the same time develops, democracy, peoples democracy. Thus, there are two roads: they are for absolute centralism, we are for democratic centralism; they are for a growing reactionary character of the State, we are for a growing democratic character of the State, a peoples democracy, a Peoples Republic of Peru. We need to develop democracy further as part of New Power; all actions with the masses must be carried out unfolding further peoples democracy, this is very necessary, it serves to fortify our work. Just as to us

democracy makes us stronger, likewise it makes the reaction weak. Just as in the Peoples War absolute centralism is counter-productive, for the reaction it is the only road, principally in times of war, more so when related to a countersubversive war.

In this introduction we should take into account and study the document "On the rectification campaign with 'Elections, No! Peoples War, Yes!'" from August. In its first part it establishes how to study; to pay attention to analysis and synthesis, to the natural relationship of both. To simply analyze without synthesis is metaphysics; analysis is necessary but it must include synthesis because in such the leap occurs and knowledge and comprehension are generated, this is the axis, the central reference for studying; let us pay attention to this problem.

The second part of such document is titled "The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, Celebration of the 25th Anniversary" establishes that it is 25 years since the start of the Great Cultural Revolution (it started in May 1966) and that it is necessary to study it as humanitys greatest political process, not only because of its immense scale in relation to the masses, but also because of the political level that it reached, and because it expresses the highest development of the World Proletarian Revolution; it is the greatest struggle directed by the Communist Party of China and Chairman Mao himself, the decisive struggle for the continuation of the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, one of the great high points in the struggle of the proletariat for Power; an epic that resolved the problem until then remaining, that of the continuation of the revolution, and establishes the essential tasks to change the human spirit, the problem of ideology, making us see that it is no simple task, rather, it is complex and tough. Maos great teachings are invaluable, but besides this we should remember that with the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution our ideology, Marxism-Leninism evolved into Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, in synthesis Maoism; and such, for the World Proletarian Revolution, for the revolution in Peru and the Peoples War, is obviously of greatest importance. Because of all this, let us celebrate the 25 Anniversary of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution!

The third point deals with the political situation. The document teaches how to study a text, in this case "Elections, No! Peoples War, Yes!" applying it to a concrete situation, because if we study, we do so in order to understand reality and transform it, this can be clearly seen in this part. Thus, when dealing with the international situation and Peruvian politics, in relation to the first it presents the general counter-revolutionary offensive against Marxism and the revolution; and in dealing with the second, it establishes that the Fujimori government has failed to achieve what it wants, instead it increasingly loses legitimate credibility through its own actions, and today, with the latest decrees and laws, it is destroying its so called legitimacy, today more than ever. It is important how the document analyses bureaucratic capitalism; it is outstanding that when referring to its three moments, in each of them it establishes a preparation, development, and fall. I believe this is what stands out regarding this point. When treating "the boycott develops the peoples tendency against elections and serves the Peoples War" it stands out the great conquest of 1991: the strategic equilibrium, reached with the completion of the II Campaign; the document says: "It was enough to say a simple phrase, to salute the

strategic equilibrium, for the reactionaries and revisionists to start trembling their teeth; they all started to scream and pull out their hairs, and executed bloody and ridiculous military operations, as always appeasing their rage and impotence by attacking the unarmed masses, to 'show that there is no such equilibrium, Why? they are in panic because the old is dying and will be buried. The word of the Party has never been negated by reality, everything we have predicted we have applied; we said initiate and we carried out ILA 80 [Initiation of the Armed Struggle in 1980], today we are entering the conquest of Power in the whole country, we say strategic equilibrium and we specify it, standing out more than ever: "The strategic equilibrium and preparation for the counter-offensive: for the enemy it is to recover positions and maintain its system; for us, prepare the strategic offensive through the construction of the conquest of power" In this we must insist very much, in how the equilibrium is realized in concrete, "for the enemy it is to recover positions and maintain its system", and this is what the enemy unfolds today as part of its task to annihilate us, obeying the orders of the imperialist master and the needs of the Peruvian reaction; and "for us, prepare the strategic offensive through the construction of the conquest of Power", this must stand out. When dealing with the III Campaign it says: "In synthesis, the completion of the III Campaign in May, June and July is grandiose, until today it has not penetrated so deep nor elevated so high the Peoples War, principally in the countryside, and in the city as complement; we all should feel great happiness for serving with all our heart to such great tasks, whichever may be the level of our participation, a few stones next to others make a wall; let the traitors and others negate it, if they do it for their class interests, to fill up their pockets, although they are badly paid by the Peruvian reaction and the imperialists. We are conscious of the truth that we live, and because of this we construct it, in the Party, in the Peoples Army, in the New Power and the masses, we can see how the great achievements of the heroic Peoples War materialize".

And the document continues: "are there any indications of the impact caused by this process of the Peoples War? Yes, for example, for the first time the US Senate had a debate regarding the Peoples War in Peru, so it has repercussions in the very nest of the world reaction, it is not the main signal, but it is important. There are "modern milk suckers" making castles in the air; such as Fujimori, this genocidal criminal conducting a countrywide sell out, or hangmen such as the minister of interior, general Malca, the minister of defense, General Torres Aciego, or recalcitrant pro-Yankees such as the mercenary minister of economy C. Boloni Behr, and boot-lickers such as the senderologists Bernales, Tapia, Gonzales, etc. These are obedient lackeys of imperialism serving the exploiting classes, begging imperialist "aid", principally from Yankee imperialists; they dream on annihilating the Peoples War, and traffick with its great advances in order to conduct their so called reinsertion, defending the arch-reactionary Peruvian State". In these ways, the repercussions of the Peoples War are expressed, the III Campaign in particular, inside and outside Peru. In another part it says: "In the US the first steps are being taken for the elections next year, and Bush seeks reelection. He has achieved a phony and empty success in the Middle East, it is plenty for the imperialists, although it is clear to all that Bush failed to achieve his aim; we say so because a vile and arrogant trampling of a civilian population can never be a success, in special today when the peoples struggles for their liberation is part of the world revolution (we know the

class limitations of Saddam Hussein) This is the "success" of Yankee imperialism. Besides, the Gulf War was started to invigorate the US economy, but it has not generated the reinvigoration they hoped for; their economy continues--and will continue--having serious problems in relation to other imperialist powers, but it does not mean that the US is no longer an imperialist super-power. In addition, Bush started a war against drugs and confronts the population in the US; just as in managing their economic problems, taxes are collected and social spending is reduced, causing confrontations with the people in the US; in the same way, the war on drugs confronts the poorest and most exploited sectors, in particular the oppressed minorities, but even then they get no results. Moreover, such war against drugs is closely linked to attacks against the Peoples War in Peru and the class struggle in the Andean region; thus, it impacts US politics. So, we should understand that this affair does not end in September, we refer to the suspension of the so called "aid"; for the Peruvian government to receive it, first it must fulfil the "Anti-drugs" treaty which includes respect for human rights in one of its parts, but these "rights" are systematically violated. The Peoples War, then, is an instrument for their race in the US elections, and has impacts in their own Congress, this is of interest for us.

Analyzing the last part of "Elections, No! Peoples War, Yes!" it is clear that such is the principal part since it establishes how to judge Marxism today, and calls to reaffirm ourself on Maoism, this is decisive. Finally, this fourth part of the document we just analyzed indicates how we can apply it to study the proletarian world revolution in the first place, to study the revolution in Peru in the second place, and how to apply it to each of us who studies them; and so, we can apply it on three levels. The document is useful for the rectification campaign; we should take it into account and study it.

INTERNATIONAL COMMENTS ON NEWS SUMMARIES

We only want to stand out a few things. In the document of the II Plenum [of the PCP] a number of comments on news summaries were introduced; in the international part there were the following. Because of the change in the name of the Communist Party of Italy, the comment says the following: "The field clears up! The "one hundred Marxist-Leninist Parties" are totally unmasked and shamelessly declare themselves bourgeois, they renegade."

Chairman Mao said that there are one hundred Marxist-Leninist parties in name only; today we see they renegade in full and submerge themselves in total decomposition, that is why the field is clearing up. In February it was agreed to end the Warsaw Pact, the comment is: "An achievement for the U.S. and NATO; it opens major disagreements in NATO and a general rearrangement in both sides, specially in the Soviet side." They only said the Warsaw Pact disappears, thus it is a triumph for NATO, but besides this, contradictions among NATO members are developing, and we are seeing them. This is what the first part indicates, "opens up major disagreements in NATO and rearrangement", both sides have to reformulate their situation and, what is most important: "specially on the Soviet side"; and we already know where the formerly glorious USSR ended up, in a simple Commonwealth of Independent States. And such is

also good, because it is not called "Soviet" nor "socialist" anymore; it will not carry the label anymore, and this is also good, it clears up the field.

When in February the news on the Gulf War were hot, the comment establishes how to analyze the problem: "To analyze the Gulf War take into account the assessment of the October session and consider:

1. Conditions for the initiation of the war, specially the set up and the preparations of the allied force headed by Yankee imperialism, main vigilante of the world counter-revolution, today puffing hot airs as a Mafia gangster.
2. Development of the war, stands as follows:
 - a. initiation and devastating imperialist air bombardment, shows the great resistance capacity of Iraq, mainly of its people, and the difficulties encountered by the imperialists to submit a nation that they thought could submit in a few days;
 - b. evaluation of diplomatic contacts, placing Iraq under increasing military pressure from the imperialists, mainly Yankee imperialists, and the hypocritical self-serving Soviet advice for capitulation; in this way, anti-imperialist resistance was undermined;
 - c. The land offensive, wide attack of fundamentally armored units and allied air-born troops, including lackeys from other Arab countries, and, on the Iraqi side, lack of firm and clever resistance (with the aim to mainly generate political shifts among the Arab peoples and force anti-imperialist contradictions) Not even Kuwait, nor Iraq, accepted all of the resolutions from the UN Security Council.
3. The present situation, results and perspectives stemming from the Gulf War; for:
 - a. Hussein and Iraq;
 - b. Middle East;
 - c. Imperialist powers;
 - d. Imperialist super-powers, specially the US which advances to become the only hegemonic power;
 - e. Oppressed nations;
4. Leading to the NEW WORLD STRATEGIC SYSTEM. Correlation of forces and contradictions (the main one is the same [imperialists against oppressed nations] and in perspective its importance will increase regardless of the forceful partnership and struggle between super-powers and powers).
5. Lessons. In special for the oppressed nations and mainly for the "world proletarian revolution".

This makes us see the certain and correct leadership of the Party [PCP]. [to be continued]

The "Free Press" and the Peoples War in Peru

Thinking people cannot believe the lies propagated by the Peruvian regime and reprinted here by the U.S. mainstream media. We have recently read two pieces written by Calvin Sims, a reporter of the *New York Times* during the war in El Salvador.

In his first article on the role of women in Peruvian politics, he reported that Mercedes Cabanillas (a corrupt former Minister of Education of Alan Garcia, APRA) and Lourdes Flores (member of right-wing Christian Popular Party, PPC) are the true representatives of women in struggle in Peru. Thereafter, on December 14, at the time the Peoples Army has obtained a clear military and political victory against Fujimoris Army in the Huallaga Valley, Calvin Sims quotes a "western intelligence source" (most likely the CIA) to write in the *Times*: "Shining Path Shackled, and Joy is Unconfined." This piece is strikingly similar to what he wrote in 1985 on El Salvador when he also quoted "western intelligence sources" for his piece: "FMLN Shackled, the Peoples Joy."

It is not the first time that U.S. agents posed as "journalists" do their dirty job in Peru and the combative Third World. Their reports reflect the U.S. foreign policy and are always subjected to a balance between the presence of multinational exploitation disguised as "modernization and reinsertion" and the double talk of "democratic values" that condones genocides. Such hypocritical policies are ones that pursue "profit" for the imperialists at the expense of the hunger and misery of our people. And this is not only the case of Sims, who had a long history of working as a "free lance," in Peru there are many of them. For example, "journalists" Gabrielle Gamini and Robin Kirk, who in similar fashion to Sims, quote "western intelligence" and government sources as facts. Where is the "objectivity" in their information?

The U.S. press, even the ones who claimed to be progressive, simply repeat the lies of the "official sources" that generally are the army, the Peruvian government or the Voice of America. Thus, news organizations and far too many journalists have been repeating the disinformation from one of the sides in the on-going civil war in Peru: The Army.

The readers just need a little thought and the barest of facts to show the complete absurdity of the fabrications of the "free press" against the Peoples War.

"RESPONSIBLE FOR 30,000 DEATHS" "What about the 30,000 deaths you are responsible for?", shouted someone in the crowd of cops and reporters when President Gonzalo was paraded before the press on September 24th, 1992. The figures vary, but the idea is to paint the PCP and not the genocidal Army, as the biggest mass murderer of our times. This slander comes from "journalists" who have nothing to say about Bush, Major, Kohl and Mitterand, who inflicted at least 100,000 deaths in Iraq in a matter of days! Those who have promoted the war in Yugoslavia (Bosnia) and those who have invaded Somalia and Haiti.

The Peruvian governments own figures for the total deaths until August 31st (quoted from *El Pais* 9/20/92):

Presumed subversives	11,872
"civilians"	10,286

"soldiers and police"	2,095
"narco traffickers"	264
Total	24,517

First, the government itself takes credit for the majority of the people killed. But who are these "presumed subversives"? They include thousands of unarmed civilians. As General Cisneros ("General 10-to-1") once explained, "It is necessary to kill 10 peasants to kill one guerrilla". Of the fallen revolutionary fighters, many were murdered not in battle but in captivity. About 300 prisoners were slaughtered in 1986 in El Fronton. In May 1992, more than 100 were taken out and shot after the government had retaken the prison of Canto Grande.

Second, as for those counted as "civilians" in the regimes figures, it has been widely reported that most of them died at the hands of the Armed Forces.

Repeatedly over the past several years, the Peruvian press has reported the discovery of mass graves. Even the mocked Peruvian parliament (CCD) presented testimony that it was the Armed Forces that killed prisoners with mutilated bodies. Lets not forget the killing of la Cantuta. The killing of the Barrios Altos in the center of Lima. Another notorious crime to come to light was in the village of Cayara, in the department of Ayacucho, in 1988, where the guests at a peasant wedding were seized by soldiers angry about having been ambushed by the PCP earlier in the day. The peasants were taken to the village church where they were hacked to pieces and shot. At least 26 bodies were later discovered. This execrable crime could not be hidden even by British senderologist Simon Strong. Members of death squads that perpetrated the crimes of La Cantuta and Barrios Altos were recently given Amnesty by Fujimori. General Valdivia, in charge of the troops in Cayara and the cover-up, was promoted and the case is officially closed.

WAR ON THE PEOPLE DISGUISED AS A WAR ON DRUGS. The PCP have a clearly stated policy on drugs: they are completely opposed to their production and use. They say that where the revolution has political power, drug use is not allowed, and the peasants who had been beholden to the drug barons are protected and freed from their clutches. It has also been reported in the same pro-government magazine *Si* that the PCP has done what the government has never done. The peasants in the Peoples Committees gradually replace coca leaf production with food crops.

Who is funding its war with drug money? The regime. The evidence is overwhelming and the U.S. government knows it well.

Just as the economy is run by the IMF, the Peruvian Armed Forces is "advised" by the US military and the CIA. More than 60% of Perus territory and a slightly lower percentage of its population is in "emergency zones", areas where revolutionary political power is emerging or has already been established. The Huallaga Valley in the northeastern jungle, the countrys central "breadbasket" in Junin, the southwest mountain department and vast areas of the country are under the arising new regime, the Peoples Republic of Peru are run by "peoples committees." They are made up of peasants,

workers, small merchants, school teachers and other local middle-class forces, and Party representatives.

What can explain the PCPs spectacular success? Can there really be a plausible explanation at all, besides ardent and growing support from the Peruvian peasants and shantytown dwellers, the poor and all the "invisible masses," and progressives?

A detailed answer to these questions are in the document: *Introduction to The Peoples War* (45 pages) from New Flag Editions.

The Cry of "Modernization" and "Post-modernism"

In Peru, in recent years, there is a loud talk about "modernism", "post-modernism", and "modernization". Why is there emphasis on such themes when millions of people are hungry and unemployed? When millions are exploited and underpaid? When thousands of children die before reaching one year of age? When there is so much malnutrition and hopelessness? When reactionary and imperialist governments cannot provide food, clothing, housing, health care and education for the vast majorities of people? When the number of people in chronic poverty are increasing by the millions every year?

The truth is that the ideology of "modernization", "modernism" and "post-modernism" is an old weapon that imperialists use to sell the idea of social progress through capitalism (the exploitation of people and accumulation of wealth as private property for the benefit and free enjoyment of a few capitalists.) At the same time, the terms "modern" and "post-modern" are employed to preach the funeral of socialism, when the truth is that revisionism (counter-revolutionary fascism disguised as "socialism") has been defeated. This only shows that the oppressors only dream of the eternal domination of the planet so that those who are exploited will always continue to be exploited, dreams that only greedy genocidal imperialists can follow.

Imperialism employs this ideological weapon of "modernization" and "post-modernization" every time that it goes on the offensive against exploited people in oppressed countries. The oppressors promise a "modern" life, full of comforts, with electrical appliances and computers and gadgets, etc. As if these things, for the people, are the most important things in the world. It is all part of an imperialist deception to fool the masses of poor and oppressed peoples in all countries.

For instance, those who represent the old state preach everywhere that "Peru's reinsertion into the international financial system" means to enter the modern era, when we know quite well that such "reinsertion" only means more profound semi-colonial exploitation of poor people; nevertheless, modernization is preached as progress for all social classes. But in practice one must ask: progress for whom? It is not for the people, it is progress for imperialists seeking more profits, and for all kind of reactionaries in Peru.

The terms "modernization" and "post-modernization" are covers for the capitalist system of exploitation; such terms divide history into Antiquity, the Middle Age and the Modern Age, without taking into account the social relations in slavery, in feudalism, and much less in capitalism. Thus, the Modern Age starts when the Middle Age ends, with the nation states, industrialization, artistic and cultural developments, scientific developments, and even Marxism, as products of modern times.

Through such discourse, the capitalist system does not exist as such, we are simply living within the period of the Modern Age. The "virtual reality" created is an illusion where everything that occurs on the face of the Earth is the casual and chaotic result of the "Modern Age".

Following such fallacies, the lobby groups and other "groups for political pressure" mainly financed by European imperialists, are changing disguises. Now these mercenaries start to change their political language and concepts to accommodate them to the strategic plans of imperialists, chiefly Yankee imperialists, and at the same time, in coordination, to attack the peoples struggles: the invincible Peoples War!

One apologist for "modernization" in Peru, the drooling Sinesio Lopez, a writer of the NGO DESCO, starts his talk with a long silence, then, exaggerating self-pity, he lowers his head and whispers: "We believed in the promises of socialists, but we were wrong. Our previous political ideas are not valid any longer; our books have old ideas, our slogans are also old, and in such circumstances we need to change the paradigm for political work and catch up with the modern age."

This is how the theories regarding national identity, national culture, anti-imperialism, peoples expression, alternatives, etc. employed by various servants of imperialism, now change and are replaced with "modern" manipulations, only creating new labels and titles, such as "the political class", "the entertainment class", "the religious class", "the feminist class", "the European class", "the Afro-American class", "the Latino class", "the labor aristocracy class" etc. Thus, they make up "classes" to mix up the rich and the poor in each as a unified whole, in practice imposing the views, domination and power of capitalists and reactionaries. These are vain attempts to confuse, mislead and defeat the struggles of the exploited social classes: the proletarians of all countries leading the oppressed masses.

At present, within the theory of "modernism" and "post-modernism", any other theory regarding the defense of national identity is considered obsolete and outdated, a symptom of backwardness. The highest expression of modernism is to take down the walls of national states in order to facilitate the circulation of commodities (material and cultural products) appropriated by the imperialist capitalists through exploitation and oppression. Actions for "free circulation" and destruction of barriers for "free-markets" embody the essence of "modernism" and "post-modernism".

Through such manipulations, reactionaries lubricate "liberal" capitalist economics to mislead the masses and to force many to join "informal manufacturing clubs", "clubs of

mothers", "glass of milk" programs, etc., and in this manner to defend the unjust system "no matter how imperfect it is". In coordination with such deceiving actions, the armed forces carry out search-and-destroy operations against those who oppose them.

Let us ask: How long can a poor child survive with a glass of milk a day while lacking adequate food, clothing, shelter, health care and education? Who wants to live depending on petty hand-outs every day? Modern "relief" programs only serve to maintain conditions of poverty, trafficking with the hunger of the people, to keep them submerged in poverty, within a corrupted system that only benefits big capitalists, big landlords and reactionaries of all kinds.

Even the mercenary senderologist Carlos Ivan Degregory declares in the daily *Expreso* in Lima: "with the political parties in crisis, only the Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), the Church and other modern social organizations remain in the front line against sendero". Is that clear enough?

It is also clear that the so called "modernization" is another counter-revolutionary manipulation, it is another imperialist ideological weapon applied against the people (that is why the NGOs, the Church hierarchy, etc. increasingly receive funding from foreign sources, mainly Yankee imperialists and indigenous European imperialists.) But imperialist ideological weapons are bound to fail, they are exposed and crushed by the advances of the just and invincible Peoples War led by the Communist Party of Peru (PCP), to serve the Peoples Rights in all aspects of life. The construction of the Conquest of Power advances!

THE PEOPLES WAR IS INVINCIBLE!

SUPPORT THE PEOPLES WAR IN PERU!

SUPPORT THE PEOPLES FRONT FOR LIBERATION (FPL)!

CELEBRATE THE XV ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEOPLES WAR IN PERU!

Source: *El Diario*, Lima, Peru

Fujimoris "Modernization":

Poverty for Peruvians

In March 1995, *Expreso*, a pro-government newspaper in Lima published a "SASE Report" from Interbank, which claims to be the first international bank of Peru. In this report, Interbank presents a number of distortions in an fruitless effort to boost the illusory propaganda of "economic recovery" for the dictatorship. The economic policies of the dictatorship serves mainly the Yankee imperialists, therefore, they are rejected by the people. Fujimori cannot fool international public opinion any longer since its

illegitimate regime is being sustained only by the bayonets of the bloody Armed Forces. The way the regime tried to legitimize itself with the recent fraudulent elections confirm more clearly that it is a fascist dictatorship, no matter how nice it is dressed up with words about "direct democracy."

In the Interbank "SASE report", the analyst Mrs. Maria Josefina Huaman, head of an U.S. funded Non-Governmental Organization "Alternativa" claimed the following:

"Up to now, the conceptualization of poverty has as a common denominator to be described as a lack or difficulty of access to satisfiers [*satisfactores*] to meet basic necessities. Then, poor people are those who lack or do not access such satisfiers, defined as basic necessities such as food, health, education, housing, and others ... Nobody could disagree with this description."

The lady may well write about poverty and conceptualize it as much as she desires, but still, not a single word is included to explain why there is such poverty, not just what it is--any poor person could explain it well--but, what is more important, what are the causes of such poverty? Mrs. Huaman is skillful in juggling "conceptualization", "access to", "satisfiers", and other fancy jargon, but she does not explain WHY there is such extreme and growing poverty in Peru, nor explains that the "modernisation" advertized by the IMF and implemented by Fujimori is creating more acute poverty in the country. On the contrary, Mrs. Huaman hides the truth.

Why do poor people "lack or do not access satisfiers"? Mrs. Huaman never explains. Why do 15 million Peruvians lack adequate food, clothing, shelter, health care, basic education, employment and a decent life? Mrs. Huaman would answer, obviously, "because they are poor, they lack or have the difficulty of access to satisfiers", and she includes superficial explanations such as "the cause of poverty is the lack of economic growth...related with social, political, age, gender and ethnic aspects". It is claimed that poor people lack "economic growth". But why is this so? Why are they poor? The truth of the matter is that the rotten Peruvian State, at present headed by the puppet Fujimori, cannot provide for the basic needs of Perus population. The reactionary Peruvian State enforces its tax collection mechanisms, sells state services and natural resources to foreign corporations, reduces spending for health care, education, housing, etc. in order to pay loan interests to foreign banks on time (economic re-insertion). Those who oppose such injustices are oppressed and massacred by the military and death squads. It is that clear and simple, and that is also the reason for the massive and acute poverty in Peru. For the masses of poor and oppressed people, the Peruvian state has no reason to exist. Such a state is supported by and serves big landlords, big capitalists, and greedy imperialist bankers, mainly the Yankee imperialists. This is the reason why there is poverty and oppression in Peru. It is not a matter of "conceptualization" and "access to satisfiers".

The Peruvian state DOES NOT serve the people, nor does it serve the interests of the vast majority of Peruvians. Such a state is useless for the people, it is criminal, it causes

extreme suffering to children and women, and, because of its class character, can only create more hunger, more exploitation, and more poverty, period.

The number of poor people continues to increase in "modern" Peru. Let us take into account some statistics:

POVERTY IN PERU

Year	Pop. of poor people (millions)	% of total
1982	9,400,000	56
1986	11,500,000	57
1990	13,000,000	58
1993	15,000,000	68

Source: OBrian and Sierra (*Socialismo y Participacion*), Forum Solidaridad Peru, August 1994.

In a decade (1982-1993) the population of poor people has increased by over five million, and in 1995 it continues to increase. This shows that economic aid from imperialist governments and banks is useless for reducing poverty. Still, in 1985, Perus foreign debt was \$12,800 million, in 1990 it was \$19,800 million, and in 1994 it increased to \$22,500 million. And the result? Now two out of every three Peruvians live in poverty. In Metropolitan Lima the available manpower is of 2,896,203 but 75.7% of those are unemployed, including 760,000 youngsters 14-24 years old (25%). Fifty percent of those who are employed are in small factories (with less than 9 workers), therefore, without any social benefits and earning less than \$117 per month in a city such as Lima where the minimum "family basket" is about \$1,000 a month, \$600 as estimated by ENAPROM in 1989 [ADEC-ATC, 10/4/94].

Thus it is clear that as the foreign debt increases, poverty also increases.

The Peruvian State is so corrupt that mercenary politicians and militaries at the service of imperialists (big financial capitalists controlling Perus resources for their greedy benefit) manipulate the growing poverty in Peru to suck up more loans from international banks, while neglecting the needs of the people. As the foreign debt increases so does the military spending in Peru. Recent statistics indicate that the reactionary Peruvian military is continuing such "modern" trend.

MILITARY SPENDING IN PERU

(in millions of dollars)

Year	1994	1995
Military	1,407.1	1,873.9
% of State budget	19.2%	18.9%

Source: Congreso Constituyente Democratico, *Presupuesto de la Republica*, Peru 1994-1995

Military spending in Peru takes the largest share when compared to spending in education and health care:

SPENDING ON MILITARY DEFENSE, EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE

(% of the State budget)

Year	1979	1980	1990	1994
Education	10.56	13.2	12.0	5.1
Health	4.68	4.8	3.7	2.8
Interior/Defense	16.48	16.22	23.56	19.2

Source: *Peru en Numeros 1992*, Forum Solidaridad Peru

From the above, it is clear that as military spending is increasing, spending in health care and education is decreasing since 1979. During the same years, loans to Peru from foreign banks have increased, resulting in a large payment of interests and the resulting increase in foreign debt. The results of these State actions lead to more poverty, more misery, more hunger, more homelessness, more disease, cholera, malnutrition, exploitation and genocide. The increase of spending in "Interior/Defense" simply reflects an internal class war against the masses of poor and oppressed Peruvians who are rising up against such a system of misery and growing oppression. It is the war of the people and for the people; it is the Peoples War!

The reactionary Peruvian government (now led by an alliance of drug dealers and military) blames the Peoples War for causing poverty, but this is simply a lie and a crazy fantasy to deceive public opinion worldwide. Let us ask: Did the Peoples War create the rich landlords and big capitalists who exploit the poor people? Of course not. Did the Peoples War create foreign rich bankers who intervene in Perus political economy to make their greedy profits? Of course not. Did the PCP create Francisco Pizarro to plunder Peru in the XVI century? Of course not. Did the PCP elect Fujimori to starve 260,000 teachers with a miserable salary of \$60.0 (sixty) dollars a month? Of course not. On the contrary, the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) is ending these and all other injustices. The PCP truly serves and defends the rights of the people.

The truth is that THE PEOPLES WAR IS THE SOLUTION, and it is advancing all over Peru, organizing the masses of poor and oppressed people to serve their own interests, for their own benefit in all aspects of life!

Support the Peoples War in Peru!

Support the Communist Party of Peru (PCP)!

The Peoples War is Invincible!

Support the Formation of the Peoples Republic of Peru!

Peru Peoples Movement (MPP), April 1995.

Last Hope Of Opportunism Swept Away: RIM's Call For The Defense Of Our Red Flag Waving In Peru Reinforces Our Struggle.

On the 26th of March, 1995, the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM) has finally issued a call for a struggle against the handfull of opportunists who advocate capitulation. The RIM statement reaffirmed the defense of the People's War in Peru and support the Communist Party of Peru. In this call RIM published the conclusions of its "investigation" they have been carrying out since Fujimori's hoax of "peace accords" on October 1993. Although there are visible ideological limitations and some erroneous assumptions in its analysis, the RIM statement is a step in the right direction.

The differences the PCP maintains with RIM are clearly established in the Party's documents. For now it is sufficient to add that it refers to the decisive question of what is Maoism, and why it is principally Maoism. The comprehension of this problem requires that we persist in a major struggle to assimilate and understand the significance of the principal contribution of President Gonzalo, which has established Maoism as the new, third and superior stage of Marxism, especially the significance of the superior stage, which allows us to understand the development of Marxism and why Maoism is primary.

We must note that the "peace accords", in other words treason, are shipwrecked everywhere, specially in the Third World and its condition as a stormy area, as oppressed nations that are the bases of the world proletarian revolution.

STRUGGLE AGAINST REVISIONISM INTENSIFIES

The call for an international struggle against the opportunists, linked to the fight against "peace accords" and dialogues that imperialism and revisionism have pushed forward, and have been applying as part of the general counter-revolutionary offensive and counterinsurgent strategy of low-intensity warfare is very important. It is within the boundaries of what was established by the PCP in its "Instructions" of June 1994 that specifically says: "Building the seizure of power demands that we sweep away the right opportunist line of revisionism and capitulation, and that we **"purge the Party"** and in the document "Political Fundamentals": "Building the seizure of power requires the intensification of two-line struggle, sweeping way the revisionist and capitulationist Right Opportunist Line (ROL) and purging the Party" as well as the document "The Political Situation: Prepare the Strategic Offensive" of January 1995 which reads: "We must continue to struggle against the revisionist and capitulationist ROL. If we don't fight it, we cannot build organizations superior to the enemy and we cannot seize power

throughout the country. The main thing is to reaffirm ourselves on the Bases of Party Unity and in building the seizure of power which demands crushing the revisionist and capitulationist ROL. To sweep it away, purge the Party so that it will be strengthened, and it will be more like the fortress it is, like a fine sword of the purest steel that President Gonzalo has forged."

We must be bastions of this fortress. It is a necessity, the class and the people demand it. Thus, we must develop: Prepare the strategic offensive through the building of the seizure of power.

We must intensify the two-line struggle; crushing offensives against the revisionist and capitulationist ROL; defense of the Bases of Party Unity, the fortress it is, purging; be bastions and prepare the strategic offensive through the seizure of power.

We must see all this in the context of the moment we are living in, both in Peru as well as at the international level. That is to say, we repeat that the Strategic Equilibrium is sharpening the class struggle in Peru and how at the same time the general counter-revolutionary offensive led by the U.S., which is now in decline, sharpens the class struggle at the international level.

We must see how in Peru, the Strategic Equilibrium has made it necessary for the U.S. to intervene more openly and to plan and lead a more developed counterinsurgency war under the guise of "low-intensity" warfare. This has brought about a turning point in the situation, a transitional moment in which the principal contradiction in Peru becomes nation-imperialism as a result of the growing polarization that arouses the ever-growing intervention of imperialism in the face of the growth of the Strategic Equilibrium.

We must see how at an international level the general counter-revolutionary offensive is sharpening the fundamental contradictions, especially the principal contradiction in the world, the contradiction between oppressed nations and imperialism. But we must see this within the process of the inevitable sinking of imperialism, at the moment of its greatest decrepitude when sinister imperialism is in its general crisis, which comes in the midst of the utter and complete bankruptcy of contemporary revisionism. Imperialism is on the defensive, and the actual general counter-revolutionary offensive is only an eddy within the mighty river of the world proletarian revolution.

The two-line struggle is the concrete expression within the Party of the class struggle. What else can we expect if the class struggle is sharpening at both the national and international levels? Obviously the two-line struggle intensifies. Why does the class struggle intensify? Because of the strategic equilibrium in Peru and the general counter-revolutionary offensive at the international level. President Gonzalo in the III Plenum masterfully analyzes this question and prophetically clarifies situations which we must make maximum efforts to understand and apply: "Thus, the class struggle internationally and in Peru are both being stoked and will greatly develop the contradictions and the struggle within the Party. We insist that the leap in Initiate the Armed Struggle (ILA, 1980) was a great one, but the seizure of power will be immeasurably bigger. An

international framework will necessarily lead to an intensification of the internal struggle, the leap underway will grow stronger, it will become generalized. Is this not so? Or prove that this is mistaken. No leap is made without two-line struggle; are we in agreement on this or not? We think it is a good idea to keep in mind the Party's experience with contrary lines within the Party. The last contrary line the Party fought was the ROL. It manifested itself in the VI Plenum as well as in the VII, VIII, IX and the Military School. An experience that we know well and will not forget because it was the most intense struggle we had. Does the line develop from night to day fully structured? When did it appear? In the VIII Plenum in 1978; when was the VI plenary session? In December 1976, in which we agree to sanction the strategic plan to develop the Construction... the preparation of the beginning..." (President Gonzalo, III Plenum)

It is not a coincidence that this new capitulationist and revisionist ROL has presented itself precisely in "Building the Seizure of Power." It is really the confirmation of the predominance of the red line, because as long as the red line predominates the Party will develop, as it predominates today because the Party is developing, victoriously leading the preparation of the Seizure of Power. Similarly at the level of the International Communist Movement, it will advance to the extent that the red line predominates. And what is the better crucible "that forges the best steel" in the world today? Which is the "best furnace of the two-line struggle"? What is the "best school of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism" in today's world? And, we add, what is the axis of the class struggle, why is power being seized throughout Peru today? And who has brought us here?.

The main thing that defines and will continue to define is the People's War in Peru, the axis of all this is the PCP, and this in turn is the forging of President Gonzalo, something we must never forget.

We know that the vortex of the storm is in the Central Committee. It is precisely why the enemy persists in storming the fortress, the Party, from within, by generating capitulation. For this reason it is correct to defend the fortress by intensifying the two-line struggle, launching crushing offensives against the revisionist and capitulationist ROL. Sweeping the ROL away and purging the Party is necessary in order to build the seizure of power.

We must remember that imperialism will drown in the midst of many wars of all types, but in the end we will bury it and we will win because we have the weapons for the inevitable final victory: the proletariat and its ideology, and the class as the principal force for revolution in the world. We have Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, principally Maoism, at the world level and specifically Gonzalo Thought in Peru.

From Victoria, Australia

Why We Support The Maoist Revolution In Peru

In Peru, as throughout Latin America, genocide against the people, their enslavement and centuries of exploitation were initiated 500 years ago when the European powers sunk their claws into the Americas.

Oppression has bred resistance. But past attempts to throw off the oppressor have failed.

All that changed on 17 May 1980 when the Communist Party of Peru (PCP), a Maoist party, opened up the road of liberation of the Peruvian people with People's War.

The PCP has fostered the armed rebellion of the wide masses, waging guerrilla warfare relying principally upon the poor peasantry and the urban proletariat. Revolutionary base areas have been set up in the countryside comprising a third of Peru's population, where People's Committees rule as an embryonic form of the emerging People's Republic of Peru administering local affairs to achieve the goal of seizing power as a part of and serving the world revolution.

Indeed Gordon McCormick, a leading "senderologist" hostile to the revolution has woefully acknowledged 25-40% of Peru is "under either open or shadow Sendero administration": U.S. House Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs 12 March 1992.

Armed strikes and other militant mass actions have reached the very heart of the areas under the tightest control of the reactionary state power. The people have turned the shantytowns of Lima into training grounds for revolution.

Large numbers of the revolutionaries, including the leadership, are women.

The very success of the Peruvian revolution has set it on a collision course with U.S. imperialism. Successive Peruvian governments backed by the U.S. have tried to crush the revolution with terror and genocidal military offensives against the people living in areas where support for the People's War is strongest. Lately the U.S. government has openly sent Green Berets pilots and other armed personnel, helicopter gunships, jet bombers and river patrol boats. In the last few years the people's war has continued to expand in great waves across Peru. And all this while the leader of the revolution is in prison and while the reactionary regime and its propagandists are making special efforts to silence the war by suppressing news, twisting facts and spreading lies.

The U.S. government and the media falsely claim the PCP are isolated terrorists in league with drug lords who murder innocent civilians.

These lies are aimed at paving the way for more U.S.-led imperialist intervention and military aid. They are designed to horrify the middle classes in the West, and to justify the crimes being carried out in Peru by the U.S. and its puppet Peruvian regime. "Left" forces who once defended such "hated" revolutionary movements have joined with the U.S. State Department in attacking the PCP. Ignorant of Peruvian reality, some "leftist"

hostility flows from their ideological opposition to the Maoist principles guiding the People's War. And some blindly repeat the Big Lies against the revolution in Peru.

The People's War in Peru is our fight. The revolutionary fighters in Peru are our sisters and brothers.

Here, real internationalism demands that we work wholeheartedly for the development of the revolutionary movement in Australla and wholeheartedly support the revolution in Peru.

LIE # 1 "SENDERO LUMINOSO" CARRIES OUT TERRORISM AND ATROCITIES AGAINST THE PEOPLE

Counter-insurgency specialists who advise the imperialists how best to defeat the People's War agree the PCP is not a "terrorist organisation" but a "social insurgency" (McCormick's testimony before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, 12 March 1992; David Scott Palmer, *The Shining Path of Peru*, 1992, p. 244). McCormick points out that "residents of Lima are not now at personal risk" from PCP sponsored attacks, which are in fact very selective. Former U.S. State Dept. functionary Palmer concedes that: "The insurgency has rarely engaged in indiscriminate violence..." Anthropologist Ronald H. Berg refers to the PCP as, "remarkably precise in their targeting of unpopular individuals and institutions". He suggests they have "a great deal of sympathy", for this.

Amnesty International has documented many instances of atrocities being carried out by the Peruvian armed forces which were made to appear the work of the PCP, to turn people against them. They allege nonetheless that the PCP has carried out atrocities as well, but fail to adduce any evidence independent of the government. A source of confusion is the systematic policy of the government to force poor peasants into militias, called "rondas", similar to the "civil patrols" in Guatemala. In its Autumn 1992 issue, *Covert Action* magazine wrote that the "military has imposed rondas on reluctant villages in the emergency zones as part of the counter-insurgency strategy ... since last November villages encompassing some 200,000 peasants have been forcibly organized into the rondas structures."

When a ronda or gang of thugs organized by local landlords, is defeated in a fight with PCP-led forces, the casualties are typically described as a "massacre by the Shining Path." Even *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, has been forced to admit that if the PCP carried out the kind of massacres claimed, they would not have the deep and spreading support that they do.

Gordon McCormick, in *The Shining Path and the Future of Peru*, 1990, p. 44, acknowledges that "Most of the civilian casualties suffered in the war thus far have been blamed on the Shining Path, but the Army has committed the majority."

The PCP does execute active agents of the old oppressive order. This is especially true of people who actively organise armed counter-revolutionary units and networks of police

informants. If clerics and Church projects are centres of counter-revolutionary activities, their religious covering does not grant them immunity. The same applies to politicians from Peru's "legal left" who finger revolutionaries to the police, revolutionaries who are then killed. However, the number of clergy and phony "socialists" killed by the PCP is very small. There is not a systematic targeting of the church or the "legal left" by the PCP.

For several years the PCP has been subjected to slander that it persecutes, rounds up and executes lesbians and gays for their sexual orientation. The PCP and gay activists (not supporters of the PCP) in Peru have publicly denied this to be the case.

Activists from the Movimiento Homosexual de Lima have however indicated that the tiny focoist group Tupac Amaru (MRTA) did persecute gays: *Prison Legal News* (USA) March 1994.

LIE # 2: "SHINING PATH" IS AN ALLIANCE WITH DRUG TRAFFICKERS

The overwhelming evidence is that it is the U.S. and Peruvian governments who are up to their necks in the drug trade. Several Peruvian officials in charge of the counterinsurgency effort were photographed several years ago loading coca paste into small planes. Peruvian President Fujimori demanded his predecessor Garcia be put on trial for corruption and drug money laundering. Garcia is charged with working closely with the notorious "Bank of Credit Commerce International", the world's biggest money laundering and main drug trade finance centre which was in turn an instrument of the U.S.'s CIA. But Fujimori's own General Arciniega, who formerly ran the Army in the main drug-growing areas in the jungle, was himself accused in the U.S. Congress of being a drug kingpin.

The PCP have a clearly stated policy on drugs: they are completely opposed to their production and use. They say that where the revolution has political power (red base areas) drug use is discouraged and peasants who had been forcibly "obliged" to cultivate coca for the drug barons are protected and encouraged by the PCP to plant food crops on part of their land. This crop substitution has been substantiated by many Peru watchers, and even enemies of the revolution.

LIE # 3: THE PEOPLE'S WAR IS FINISHED: "SENDERO" WANTS PEACE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

With the capture of the PCP's leader Abimael Guzman (also known by his nom de guerre, Presidente Gonzalo) on 12 September 1992, the reactionary Peru regime claim to have dealt the revolution a mortal blow. Presidente Gonzalo was sentenced to life imprisonment and has been held in isolation since October 1992. The Peruvian government repeatedly declared the PCP and the Maoist revolution were finished. The imperialists and reactionaries crossed their fingers hoping this was so, but the continuing roar of the People's War woke them from their foul dream.

A year later Fujimori, claimed that Presidente Gonzalo was leading the call for peace negotiations to effectively end the People's War. On 7 Oct 1993, the Central Committee of the PCP denounced the peace negotiations proposal as a counter-revolutionary hoax and an attempted manipulation by the reactionary regime, and the PCP and the genuine supporters of the People's War abroad have continued to denounce the phony "peace accords" as reactionary, liquidationist and divisive slander.

The campaign of lies against the revolution in Peru should be opposed and rejected.

When so many other struggles are lying down their arms and telling the people they have no choice but to compromise and accept life under imperialist rule, the Communist Party of Peru is leading a revolution towards victory. But massive U.S.-led intervention to stop the flow of Maoist revolution is threatened.

The frenzied lies against the People's War in Peru seeks to create public opinion in support of U.S.-led intervention. And those in left/progressive circles who have swallowed these lies and taken to parroting them are objectively giving active assistance to Yankee schemes to defeat the Peruvian revolution.

High in the Andes and in the shantytowns of Lima the people are not waiting for people in the West to give their OK. They are making revolution anyway.

No one with a shred of conscience should tolerate assisting Yankee intervention in any way. And anyone with a vision and daring to stand with the oppressed should support the just war of liberation led by the Communist Party of Peru.

Defend the Life of Abimael Guzman!

Viva el Presidente Gonzalo! Viva el PCP!

End the Genocide of the Peruvian People by the murderous US-Fujimori Regime!

Yankee Go Home!

Down with the Phony "Peace Accords" Plan of Capitulation!

Victory to the People's War in Peru!

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Excerpt from the book: *Let the Strategic Equilibrium Rock the Country!* by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP). 1991.

ON THE STATE

It is convenient to take into account some things regarding *On the State* by Lenin, if the text is read (at least by those in leading positions) it would be very useful because it aims to view the State, to pay even more attention to it. This document is useful for viewing the process of the State and for understanding things that are important for us and for combating the general counter-revolutionary offensive. In it Lenin tells us, in relation to the State and the difficulties to study it, how it is possible to advance: "And for you it will be very easy to return to this problem, since it is such a basic question, so fundamental in politics and not only in difficult times, in times of revolution such as now, but also in more peaceful times, in every period that deals with any economic or political question. Everyday you will run into these questions: What is the State? what is its essence? what is its meaning and what position should our Party adopts before it, the Party that struggles for the overthrow of capitalism, the Communist Party? This a question which, for one reason or another you will have to return to everyday. And the essential thing is that as a result of your lectures and other meetings and conferences regarding the State, you learn to deal with this problem on your own, since you will run into it for the most diverse motives, in each little question, in the most unexpected combinations, in the conversations and disputes with adversaries. Only when you learn to deal with this problem on your own, you may consider yourselves to be sufficiently firm in your convictions, only then you will be able to defend them with success against anyone and in any moment". What stands out here is that we run into this problem everyday for the most diverse motives in each little question, in the most unexpected combinations and in the disputes with the adversaries; this is most certain, today more than ever. That is the important thing.

Lenin continues telling us as follows: "I already said that the work by Engels, *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State* could be of much help. Precisely there it is observed that all States in which private property of the land and means of production exist and in which capital dominates, is a capitalist State, no matter how democratic it may be, machinery in the hands of the capitalists to maintain the oppression of the proletariat and the poor peasants. And the universal suffrage, Constituent Assembly, and Parliament are nothing more than the form, a kind of pay-off, which does not alter at all the essence of the question". This is what interests us, the State "is a machine to maintain the proletariat and the poor peasants oppressed"; and the elections, the assembly and Parliament? These are forms, not the essence, not the content. The content, the reason for such fashionable forms is none other than to maintain exploitation, oppression. This is what is of interest to us. And he adds "the form of state domination can be diverse: capital expresses its force in a certain way where a form already exists, and in another way where other forms exist, but, in essence power always continues in the hands of capital; it is the same if there are restricted elections or other types of election; or the existence of a democratic republic, even when it is the most democratic, it still is the most

cynical and filthy capitalist domination. One of the most democratic republics is the United States of America, and in no other country (as whoever was there after 1905 surely has realized), is the power of capital, the power of a clique of multi-millionaires over the whole of society, so coercively manifested with such shameless arrogance as there. Capital, once it exists, dominates the whole of society and no democratic republic, not a single electoral right changes the essence of the matter". This is good, it is well explained and perfectly understood. Continues as follows: "the democratic republic and general elections, in comparison with the feudal regime, are a great progress since it permits the unification of the proletariat, its present cohesion and the formation of harmonious and disciplined ranks, in systematic struggle against capital". The text that follows has to be read, but we are not going to analyze it now; later we will pay attention to this: "Not only conscious hypocrites, wise men and priests support and defend this bourgeois lie that the State is free and that it is bound to defend everyone's interests, but also many persons who sincerely repeat the old prejudices and fail to understand the movement from the old capitalist society towards socialism. Not only the people directly dependent on the bourgeoisie, not only those who find themselves under the fist of capital or those being bribed by it (all kinds of wise men, artists, clergymen, etc. at the service of capital), but also persons who are simply under the influence of prejudices such as bourgeois freedom; they all have mobilized the whole world against bolshevism, because the foundation of the Soviet Republic rejected this bourgeois lie and openly declared: you call your State free, when in reality as long as private property exists, your State, even if it is a democratic republic, is nothing more than a machine in the hands of capitalists with the aim to crush the workers. Even when the State has more freedom, despite this absurd idea that the State is free and above everyone, such fact becomes increasingly clear. Here we should emphasize that many are deceived, how rooted is this absurd idea that the State is free, that it is above everyone, that it serves all. And Lenin tells us that this occurs in any State; he presents the example of the United States of America and Switzerland: "there are fewer soldiers in these countries, the regular army is smaller; in Switzerland and a militia exists, and each Swiss has a rifle in his house; in the USA until recently there was no regular army, and because of such arrangement, when a labor strike bursts, the bourgeoisie arms itself, it employs mercenary soldiers and smashes the labor strike, and in no other place is such an attack on the workers movement so oppressive and ferocious as in Switzerland and the USA. In no other place is the parliament under as much control of capital as precisely in such countries." He presents the essence right before us, that is how democratic they are, they have small army, but when there is a labor strike they hire mercenaries, they arm themselves; here in Peru we are seeing something similar, but because of the Peoples War their repressive forces become insufficient. In this way they always arm their forces, they buy mercenaries, they defend their wealth and power. Before, there is a paragraph that deserves special attention, when talking about such countries: "In no other place does capital dominates so cynically and implacably, and in no other place is it so clearly manifested as precisely in these countries, even though they are democratic republics, no matter how elegant they may dress, and regardless of all the words on the democracy of labor and the equality of all citizens". Very well said, good paragraph. No matter how much they recite their democracy, in no other place is there such a cynical and implacable domination, no matter how elegant they may dress it up or sound all their cheap talk on democracy of

labor and equality of all citizens. Lenin continues, in these countries, the USA and European countries, "the force of capital is everything; the stock exchange is everything, while the Parliament and the elections are marionettes, puppets..." This for us is right on the mark, especially today because we are seeing the same thing in the Peruvian Parliament; nevertheless, here they fill up everyone with democracy, this is useful to uncover and expose their democracy and their democratic paradigms (the USA and European countries) which allows us to perceive and understand what the system implies; in synthesis, the Peruvian Parliament is a good example of its own putrefaction.

And Lenin continues telling us: "But, as more time passes by the idea of Soviet Power becomes clear for the workers, gaining major and broad significance, in particular after the bloody massacre we just went through", he speaks of World War I, "The working class sees, each time with more clarity, the need of an implacable fight against capitalists". After dealing with the State, starting with the necessity to study the problem of the State, he arrives at the bourgeois State; these are the last sentences we just read. There bourgeois democracy is unmasked and exposed, the fallacy of the States liberty, a vile deception, and the demagogic outgrowth of democracy of labor and the equality of citizens, the puppet condition of all parliaments is exposed. The elections are deceiving marionettes, he tells us, because where is the power, the force of the bourgeoisie? It is in the force of capital; capital is everything, he tells us, the stock exchange is everything; and by coincidence a short while ago the stock exchange opened in Peru. Once at this point, Lenin sustains: the workers question the bourgeois order, they understand the need to overthrow the old State, and in such way develop an implacable struggle against the capitalists, and ends by talking about the new system, the New State: "Whichever may be the forms to cover up the republic, if it is bourgeois, if in it continues existing private property of the land and factories, and if such capital is private it maintains all of society in wage-slavery, that is if the program of our Party and the Soviet constitution are not realized in it, such a State is a machine destined to the oppression of some by others. And this machine we will place in the hands of that class that must overthrow the power of capital. We will reject all the old prejudices such as the State is equality for all, because it is a lie: as long as exploitation exists there can be no equality. The land owner cannot be equal to the workman, the hungry person cannot be equal to the well fed person. This machine, called the State, before which the people bow in respect and superstition, showing faith to the old tales that power is of the whole people, the proletariat rejects it because it is bourgeois lie. We take this machine away from the capitalists and we appropriate it. With this machine or weapon we will destroy all exploitation; and when the possibility of exploitation no longer remains in the world, without any more landlords and factory owners, without some living in abundance and others suffering starvation, only when this is no longer possible will we throw this machine onto the pile of garbage. Then there will be no State and there will be no exploitation. This is the point of view of our communist Party". It is good text to study for understanding the problem of the State, and it is even better to reach to the broad masses with a topic they need to know, especially today. It is quite good because after exploring through it, I repeat, he arrives at bourgeois democracy, he criticizes it in depth, exposes its essence and then deals with our State, which means the conquest of Power, to make our own State machinery by destroying the old State machinery; and with it, he says, we destroy, we demolish all

remaining exploitation, oppression, and only then there will be equality. When such thing exists there will be no classes, and there will be no State. The important aspect is that as long as the State does not carry out the program of the Communist Party, it will not be a State that truly benefits the proletariat, the people; in this way, only the New State is the one that can serve them. This is very good, it poses before us the course and the final perspective; and, the principal thing, it demands that we must understand what is the State, to destroy the old State, to raise up the New State, to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and with it transform the world (democracy for the people, dictatorship for the exploiters) and march on towards communism, only then we will make the State disappear forever.

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GENERAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY LINE

[Editor's Note. The following is a document of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) published in February 1994. This document summarizes the essential parts of the General Political Line and its center, the military line.]

Long Live President Gonzalo and His Powerful Thought!

Specifications on President Gonzalo (PG), the General Political Line and the Contributions to the World Revolution:

"Without Marxism-Leninism-Maoism (MLM), Gonzalo Thought (GT) can not be conceived, because GT is the creative application to our reality. The key question is the understanding of the historical development of the ideology of the proletariat, of its three phases molded into MLM, with Maoism as the principal one. And principally in the application of MLM as universal truth to the concrete conditions of the Peruvian revolution. From this we conclude that Gonzalo Thought is specifically principal for the PCP and the revolution it leads."

"The most substantial and developed part of Gonzalo Thought (GT) is found in the General Political Line of the Party. This Thought directly supports the line and its five elements, since it is the point of departure of this principle as it understands and firmly maintains the line of the program."

"To Study and principally to apply GT is decisive in order to better and more thoroughly serve the Party, the development of the People's War and the world proletarian revolution. In the same manner learning from PG is decisive to serve wholeheartedly the people."

FIRST CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU

I. International Line

1. Struggle to impose Maoism as the new, third and superior stage of Marxism.
2. World People's War as a response to imperialist World War.
3. The fundamental contradictions and their solution: The principal contradiction.
4. The three moments of the world revolution: strategic offensive in the world revolution.
5. Develop bases for strategy and tactics in the world revolution.
6. The process of Marxism.
7. Definition of the total and complete bankruptcy of contemporary revisionism.
8. Combat imperialism, revisionism and world reaction implacably and unstoppably.

II. Line Of The Democratic Revolution

How the Peruvian revolution is perceived: Democratic revolution, socialist revolution and proletarian cultural revolution until Communism (proposed as a third type of revolution).

1. Generalization of bureaucratic capitalism.
2. The character of Peruvian society, its fundamental contradictions and the principal contradiction.
3. On the State: The Old State and New State.
4. The essence of the democratic revolution: Peasant war led by the PCP by means of People's War.

III. Military Line

1. Reaffirm the principle of revolutionary violence as an universal law.
2. Unified People's War and the importance of Initiation.
3. Specification of the Bases of Support.
4. Strategic development. Strategic plan of developemnt.
5. The five parts of a campaign.
6. The five phases of action.
7. The Strategic Operational Plans.
8. Mass work through the People's Army.

IV. Line Of Construction Of The Three Instruments Of The Revolution

1. Principle of construction.
2. Militarization of the Communist Parties and concentric construction.
3. Construction of the People's Guerrilla Army. Incorporation of the militia.
4. The rural front: the New State (People's Committees, base areas and People's Democratic Republic in formation towards the People's Republic of Peru). The urban front, Revolutionary Movement in Defense of the People (MRDP).

5. The six forms of the New Power: Organizational Committee of the People's Power, People's Committees of parallel power, People's Committees, Open People's Committees and Committee of People's Struggle.
6. Militancy: Communists first and foremost, fighters and administrators.
7. Strategy of Construction.

V. Mass Line

1. Reaffirming the principle "the masses make history" and "it is right to rebel."
2. The specific weight of the masses in the world revolution (serving to define it).
3. Mass work in and for the People's War. The countryside. Leadership in the cities.
4. The struggle for wages and living conditions serving the seizure of power.
5. The generated organisms, militarized in the countryside and specification for the cities.
6. Law of incorporation of the masses in the People's War.
7. The mass line is the only tactic of MLM-GT
8. Scientific organization of poverty.
9. The armed sea of masses.

Peru, February 1994.

Central Committee

Communist Party of Peru.

NEWS BRIEFS:

The Peoples War Advances Victoriously

Lima, March 28. In the face of claims by Fujimori that the poverty level in Peru has decreased from 54% to 49% during his term, bourgeois economists such as the former Minister of Industry Guido Pennano ridiculed such lies. Pennano stated that "poverty has increased considerably during Fujimori. The agricultural, health and education sectors were in critical condition. From 1990 to 1995, the purchasing power of teachers fell by 55%, school dropouts increased by 100%, and the number of working children increased from 730,000 to 950,000". Even though the cost of most products remain almost the same (inflation), what's the use if the real workers salaries are drastically cut? Taking as a basis 100% of the value of salaries in 1990, the real value of salaries now is 20% or 25%, therefore, the "control of inflation is a numerical mockery." This liberal policy did not work in Mexico and Argentina [*most of the papers, March 29, 1995*].

Julcan, March 28. More than 100 Maoist guerrillas took total control of the province of Julcan in the department of La Libertad. The rebels overran the police and Army garrisons killing 3 policemen and one soldier and were 3 wounded in the attack. The electoral

materials for the presidential elections were destroyed, the office of the prosecutor, the Civil Court and the Army recruiting office were bombed. [Most papers in Lima]

Puno, March 28. In southern Peru, there are 242 political prisoners. In the concentration camp of Yanamayo, there are 175 men and 21 women most of them sentenced for life. Another 42 are imprisoned in the jails of Arequipa and Cusco. [*El Comercio*]

Trujillo, March 29. On Sunday March 26, a PCP contingent of more than 40 overran the military garrison and seized the district of Julcan. Although most of the government troops surrendered to the rebels during the attack, four of them died in combat. The head of the Third Military Region Gen. PNP Roberto Solari Amoretti said the "subversives" also blew up the office of the electoral board. The same column is acting in the highlands of Cajabamba, Cuergos, Huamachuco, Bolivar, Santiago de Chuco, Julcan, Angasmarca, among others. On March 23-24 a Maoist contingent seized the town named Caleman, in the province of Bolivar, where 11 of Armys paramilitary peasant rondas were executed. [*El Comercio*]

Lima, March 29. Internal reports of the counterinsurgency police DINCOTE was leaked to the pro-government press. The reports dated March 25-27 indicated that "Sendero Luminoso", as they call the Communist Party (PCP), "continues armed actions throughout the country in order to boycott the presidential elections. Lima is one of the main focuses of guerrilla activities. Thus, on March 23 in the district of Ventanilla, a group of Senderistas attacked the military base. On March 24, at least 20 insurgents, some of them armed, distributed leaflets to residents in the district of Lurigancho. The slogans shouted were, 'No to the Reelection of Running Dog Fujimori, 'Down with the farcical elections. Dont Vote, 'Perez de Cuellar Puppet of Yankee imperialism, apparently hours later the same terrorists arrived to the town of Casa Blanca to hand out leaflets and yell anti-government slogans." Dincote has also registered guerrilla offensives in the departments of Andahuaylas, Huancavelica and San Martin. The report of March 27 acknowledged clashes in the North such as in Cajamarca, also in Piura (border with Ecuador) the 'terrorists attacked the main Army base with FALs and machine guns. Also on March 27 there were several attacks in the district of Olmos. In Huacho, the combatants burned two state farms. In Huanta there was a clash between 'Senderistas and the Armys 'peasant rondas of the communities of Purus and Huaynacancha. On March 27 there were also clashes in Ancon, Pucusuna and Corcona. In Canto Grande, Lima there were several explosions near the hills facing the prison Miguel Castro. In this same manner in Huampani many fighters were conducting political propaganda. [*El Mundo*, April 3, 1995].

Lima, March 30. *La Republica* said 63% of Lima households (they don't count the shantytowns) have no incomes to meet their basic needs. The people do not believe the TV advertisements on 'new schools being built, 'food hand-outs, 'Fujimori disguised as an Indian at the same time that he starves them. He can't fool the 12 million desperately poor in the country nor blame anyone but his regime for the poverty in Peru. There are 5 million in chronic misery due to the policies recommended by the IMF and implemented by Fujimori.

Lima, March 30. According to Fujimori's Minister of Labor, more than 300 thousand workers were fired from their jobs since 1990 when the privatization began. He stated that from 1988 through 1990 the previous government fired 200,000 workers. "The possibility of an increase of salaries is null. The gross monthly salary for State employees is \$132, but after taxes they starve with a meager salary of \$80. The basic family budget to live comfortably in Lima is about \$1,000 a month. As an unconditional puppet of imperialism, Fujimori believes that 'poverty will be solved with more multinational investments. He means with more sacking and exploitation of the country. Because TB and cholera is rampant in Peru, Fujimori is not referred by people in Peru as 'chinito or 'chinochet like his side-kicks tend to say, but as a vulgar criminal, 'the killer of the Cantuta University, 'Presidente Cholera. Where is the economic miracle?" [*Gestion*]

Lima, March 31. Currently 66 provinces in the 23 departments of the country are under a state of emergency, and the constitution has been curtailed due to the intense activities of the Maoists of the PCP. This means that 30% of the country is controlled politically and militarily by the Armed Forces. The largest departments and provinces are under a state of emergency. Intense guerrilla activities are taking place in: Lima with 4,640,490 people over 18 (37.37% of the country); San Martín 252,832 (2.04%); Pasco 116,014 (0.93%); Ayacucho 252,808 (2.04%) and Apurímac 156,146 (1.26%), Oxapampa, Pasco; Huancayo, Concepción, Jauja, Satipo y Chanchamayo (Junín); Castrovirreyna, Huaytara y Huancavelica (Huancavelica); Lucanas, Huamanga, Cangallo y la Mar (Ayacucho); the district of Quimbiri in Cusco. Also, in all provinces in Huanuco, in the department of San Martín and the district of Yurimaguas (Upper Amazonas, Loreto). Where is the defeated "Sendero" claimed by Fujimori? [*El Mundo*]

Huancabamba, March 31. Combatants of the PCP conducted sabotage before and after Fujimori's electoral. The electoral board was burned to ashes in Huancabamba and the office of Fujimori's paramilitary party Cambio 90 was smashed. These actions could not be denied even by the Chief of the First Military Region Gen. Cesar Ramal Pesantes who stated: "This is an isolated case, Sendero is defeated" [*El Comercio*]

Lima, April 1. At about 9:30 PM, combatants of the PCP ambushed a counterinsurgency squad of Dincote. Four notorious death squads members were eliminated on the spot. The guerrilla action occurred near the market La Parada in the district of La Victoria. [Most papers in Lima]

Cusco, April 1. Combatants of the Peoples Army seized the town of San Jeronimo. All state buildings were painted in red against the elections, and a huge red flag was placed on the roof of city hall. As a retaliatory measure, the Army kidnapped from the jail 80 PCP prisoners of war who were taken as hostages to the Army garrison. Nevertheless several subversive actions took place in the city of Cusco where a handful of tourists fled in panic.

An Armed Strike was successfully carried out in Cusco and Puno on April 5 and 6. [*Expreso*]

Washington DC, April 3. A deceptive editorial by the Voice of America (USIS): "Shining Path Terror." We present different points of view... Here is the opinion of the US Government: "A familiar enemy of 'democracy has renewed its campaign of violence and intimidation... on 2/28 they detonated a car bomb across the street from the U.S. Embassy in Lima. In Huanuco the terrorists killed 20 people who had broken with them. This group is among the worlds most ruthless terrorist group, formed in the late 60s by Prof. Guzmán, this group seek to destroy the Peruvian State and replace it with a revolutionary regime, and eliminate what it calls foreign influences. The capture of Guzmán was a major blow... Since then Guzmán has called for stopping the violence and entering into talks with the government... This and amnesty and captures have reduced its strength. But as a wounded predator, the Path remain dangerous. They share coca profits and prevent elections. They must be met with the same strength that the people of Peru has... The U.S. government enthusiastically supports the government as it once again stands up to international terrorism."

[Reply. Not even the propagandists of the Pentagon (USIS) can deny the fact that the PCP is alive and healthy. Is that not clear? They also confirmed the fear and respect imperialism has for the PCP, whom they call the 'worlds most ruthless. The U.S.s unconditional support to its puppet, the genocidal Armed Forces of Fujimori, reaffirms the fact that the real force behind the low intensity warfare in Peru is U.S. imperialism, the enemy of the peoples of the world. But they are right that the Peoples War led by the PCP seeks to destroy the rotten Peruvian state and replace it with a revolutionary Peoples Republic of Peru. Lets debunk their falsehoods: 1) The capture of President Gonzalo was nothing more than a bend on the road as he stated in his historic speech from the cage in September, 1992. The tale that Gonzalo has called for talks with him was a vulgar lie by Fujimori. That was a blatant mockery of the U.N. and the world. The video and letters were denounced by the PCP and the people of Peru as a counter revolutionary hoax. If

not, why didnt they show him in public? 2) No document of the PCP supports the U.S. lie that the PCP 'will eliminate foreign influences after seizure of power. What the PCP says is that they will eliminate the exploitation of the country by imperialist blood suckers such as the IMF, World Bank and greedy multinational companies along their Peruvian stooges that for centuries have been stealing the wealth of the country. 3) With regard to the bald-faced lie that the PCP is involved in drugs, this allegation is being repeated, as a policy matter for propaganda purposes, not as factual matter by the U.S., since the time of Reagan. The U.S. does not have and never will have a shred of single evidence to prove its filthy allegation. The PCP fights in deeds, not only in words, drug trafficking in the Upper Huallaga. To the contrary, the world knows that the "democratic" regime and Army that imperialism enthusiastically supports in Peru is involved up to its neck in drug dealing, and the evidence of this is mounting and is undeniable. Our question to Clinton is: Is the Peruvian Army authorized by the U.S. government to traffic with impunity in the drug business? If not, why dont you denounce them? This simple question unmasks the demagoguery of the 'war on drugs of Clinton. In sum, the 'war on drugs by the U.S. in Peru is in reality a war on the people, a genocidal low intensity warfare used against the Peoples War led by the heroic freedom fighters of Peru and America, the PCP.

Lima, April 3. Dincote does not really know who the members of the PCP Central Committee and the National Direction are. [*El Comercio*]

Lima, April 3 and May 16. EFE. Police sociologist Raul Gonzales who claims to be a Sendero expert stated: "Sendero is going through the most difficult times. Thats dangerous for the country since it can carry out major military actions." A month later, he added, "Sendero Luminoso is no longer a threat, it is no longer a political case, it is a police matter. They have no leaders, and their cadres have no political and military preparation. They are going from bad to worse. The narcos do not give them money any longer. The peasants who used to be their main backers are now against them. Senderos fate is irreversible. They are defeated forever." [most of the papers]

[Reply. These are the words of the frustrated imperialist agent and army advisor in psychological warfare, Raul Gonzales. He wants to have it both ways. On the one hand he says the PCP is defeated, on the other hand, he confirms PCP is capable of carrying out major attacks. So, in any event the PCP loses. For this arch-reactionary, who has debts of blood with the people, and spends most of the time inside the Army garrisons, the PCP has no options. But he said the same thing in 1991-1992 when everybody agreed the PCP was about to seize power. The fact of the matter is that this scoundrel who once claimed to be a Marxist, is part of the special psychological warfare unit of the Army and has attended counterinsurgency training at the Army School of the Americas (School of Assassins). [Most of the papers]

Huancayo, April 4. PCP combatants carried out dozens of actions against military and governments targets as part of the sabotage of the electoral scam. Among the military targets hit with grenade attacks and dynamite were the governors headquarter and the police academy "Sargent Ramiro Villa verde" located in midtown Huancayo. [*La Republica*]

Lambayeque, April 4. Contingents of the PCP are operating in the localities of Olmos and the border area with Piura. [*Expreso*]

Huaraz, April 4. A contingent of the PCP captured the head of the paramilitary peasant ronda of Queschacap, seven kilometers from Huaraz. [Most of the papers]

Lima, April 4. A student of the university of San Marcos Jose Clemente Ciguena Linares was kidnaped at gun-point by four political police members of Dincote. This student was not a member of the PCP. The only pretext for his disappearance is that he once rented his house to an alleged "subversive". [*La Republica*]

Spain, April 5. This article sheds some light on the economic reality of the country. "In today's Peru, hunger and misery are called by the Fujimori regime and the U.S. 'economic success. During the Fujimori government the real income of workers has decreased by 41.2%. Poverty plus inequities, have expanded considerably. With Fujimori the people below the poverty level have reached 50%. It means that 11,500,000 Peruvians are starving. In the country, this figure reaches 68%. In Lima 37.5% of those households in extreme poverty are headed by women. Half of the children under the age of 4 face chronic malnutrition. During the last five years 500,000 children from the ages of 6 to 10 have abandoned school. Parents cannot afford to pay transportation, school supplies, and food. More than 500,000 children are homeless, seeking menial jobs in the streets of large cities. In 1994, the government paid 80% of the national budget to foreign banks (foreign debt). 18% goes to the military, 14% for social/political programs (mostly for counterinsurgency purposes), and only 1% in education. This is the result of the neoliberal policies of imperialism in Peru." [The response of the fighting people of Peru: More Peoples War, Build the Conquest of Power. Down with the old liberalism. Only the triumph of the revolution will once and for all solve these problems.] [*El Mundo*]

THE CRIME OF THE BARRIOS ALTOS. On April 7, the provincial prosecutor Ana Cecilia Magallanes asked for the indictment of the members of Fujimori's death squad

"grupo Colina", they are: the Chief of the National Intelligence Services (SIN) Army general Julio Salazar Monroe, Major Santiago Rivas, officers Nelson Carbajal Garcia, Juan Sosa Saavedra and Hugo Coral Goycochea. The last four killers were also involved in the assassination of 9 students and a professor at La Cantuta University (Teachers College) in 1992.

Lima, April 10. Police ransacked thousands of households in several shantytowns in Lima on April 9 (election day). From 8AM to 3PM more than 200 people were forcefully taken at gun point from their homes by the political police Dincote. Many of the arrested were accused for failing to go to the voting poll and for allegedly providing food and shelter to combatants of the PCP during the armed strike. In Huaraz, northern Peru, 200 people were arrested on election day in the police operation known as "blocking, saturation and general elections." [Most of the papers]

Ancash, April 10. The entire town of Arankay located between the province of Huari and Hua nuco was painted in red by the Peoples Army with slogans in support of the revolution, "Peoples War yes!, Electoral scam no!". A giant red flag was posted on the top of the cathedral. [*La Republica*, April 11]

Trujillo, April 10. Army Gen. Victor Malca, Minister of Defense of Fujimori stated that due to the recent "activities of Maoist guerrillas," the Army will reinforce its positions to fight the PCP with forces to be brought from the border with Ecuador (goodbye war with Ecuador, the real war is against the PCP). [*El Comercio*, April 11]

ELECTORAL BOYCOTT. Lima, April 10. The most successful boycott in 15 years was carried out by the PCP against the fraudulent elections of Fujimori. Fujimori obtained less than 24% of the electorate able to vote. At least 37,224 files with approximately 1,861,200 votes in several provinces were missing. Some of them may have been burned by the PCP during the boycott. More than 3 million votes were found to be void and thats the largest in the history of Peru. Many of the void ballots reads in red ink: "Victory to the Peoples War." However, the yellow mercenary press in Peru minimized the role of the PCP and the successful boycott. They still praised the genocidal regime for its electoral "victory". For example, the sewer rat *Expreso* stated, "This is an historic day for democracy. Fujimori defeated terrorism and solved the economic crisis. People are happy in Peru now." *SI* (No. 422) the outlet of Senderologists Degregori and Gonzales was next on line: "The only missing piece in Fujimoris model of democracy is more participation for the NGOs, the Church, peasants (the ones organized by the army) and unions, and the loyal opposition of political parties. Fujimori has absolute personal

power and that's the way people want it." *OIGA* (No. 738): "The people have spoken... Even with less votes, Fujimori is reelected. Like in Germany when the Nazis claimed 75% of the votes, this small Hitler-like dictator in this poor country, uses the army for his political ends. He closed the parliament and 'elected' another Congress of his like. He lies shamelessly that he has defeated Sendero. What will happen next? We don't know." *Gestion* (April 11) said: "Fujimori will accelerate the restructuring of the State", *Semana Economica* (April 12): "Because of his triumph over Sendero, he has an unchallenged popular mandate with control of everything." These are the dreams of the reactionaries. The reality, the powerful actions of the PCP, will cause them nightmares. [Various sources as cited]

Lima, April 12. Because of the 0.3% of votes obtained in the last election, the revisionist group PUM has dissolved. Diez Canseco, a leader of this group, has unmasked "journalist" Nicolas Lucar as being a member of SIN (Peruvian CIA). Lucar is a former Trotskyite, militant and advisor to Hugo Blanco. Currently Lucar is the director of the prime time TV program "Revista Dominical" a psychosocial tool of the regime, especially to finger political opponents as members of the PCP to justify arrests, disappearances and punitive operations by Fujimori's paramilitary. [*La Republica*]

Lima, April 17. Gen. Cesar Ramal Pesantes, Chief of the Army's First Region reported that "subversives" of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) have been very active in the countryside of northern Peru. He acknowledges heavy guerrilla attacks in the Department of Libertad, but said they were "isolated". [*Expreso*].

Ancash, April 17. Guerrilla contingents smashed military posts in the localities near the Andean zone known as the Callejon de Huaylas. The attacks caused several casualties to the government troops. Once the Maoists withdrew, the Army captured several civilians who live in the area and accused them of being PCP sympathizers and later told the press (TV) they were members of the PCP. [*Expreso*]

Uchiza, April 27. More than 150 combatants of the PCP triumphantly entered the city of Uchiza. The rebels easily overran the police and army garrison and were welcomed by the people in a large meeting at the main square of the city. In Cajatambo, a district near the Huallaga Valley, another Maoist guerrilla contingent seized the town of Carneja at 3 AM on the morning of March 27 and held a rally where the community participated waving red flags and shouting "Viva el PCP". The rebels held meetings at several schools where most of the youth joined the Maoist ranks. The police post, a mobile medical supply military hospital, and several agents (officials) of Fujimori were captured. In

another incursion in Alto Mayo, Moyobamba a PCP contingent made up mostly of peasants, took over the city at 1 AM. The police peacefully surrendered to the rebels and were released. In the midst of joyful cries of "Viva La Guerra Popular", "In Defense of the leadership, Against the Genocidal Dictatorship", and "Down with the electoral farce", the people and the Maoists marched through the streets planting red flags and painting the walls in red along their way. Ten trucks transported some of the residents to attend the meeting in the main square of the city. After the meeting, the people headed to the capital Moyobamba where they held another rally at noontime at the Pedagogical Institute of Moyobamba (Teachers College). At the governments housing bureaucracy known as FONAVI, the rebels designed in red a giant symbol of the PCP (hammer and sickle) and wrote underneath: "Seize Power, More Peoples War", "Viva el Presidente Gonzalo", "Long Live the PCP Central Committee". [*La Republica*]

Cusco, April 28. Shell and Mobil, two imperialist companies will exploit Camisea, the largest natural gas storage in Peru. The investments and profits will be split by both companies 55% for Shell and 45% for Mobil. [*Expreso, La Republica*, May 5].

Lima, May 1. While the PCP began the day with several guerrilla actions in the capital, hundreds of red flags were posted on top of buildings. The hills and the walls of shanty towns were illuminated with lights greeting the International Workers Day. The bureaucratic leadership of the National Workers Union CGTP begged the government "for labor reinsertion along with economic reinsertion." For these traitors of the working class, a major penetration of imperialism is okay as long as they (union bosses) "participate" in the sellout of the country. On the other hand, the regime continues to attack the workers. Fujimori ordered the arrest of leaders of the Teachers Union SUTEP, and even outlawed it. His Army arrested the leaders of the union of Interbank. The Army ransacked the main headquarters of the National Steel Workers Union. All bourgeois papers published the governments reactionary propaganda: "Workers must produce more, they need to participate in competition and in management decisions. The property owners--national or foreign--are not the enemy; the concept of class struggle is not suitable to the modernization of today." [*La Republica*, May 1] [Note: The old capitalist tactic to better exploit the workers was denounced by Marx in the *Communist Manifesto* of the last century. The discredited ideas of old liberalism are back in Latin America, but now they are being reformulated in the context of an deformed bureaucratic capitalism. Do the masses buy these traps? No. In Peru, the class struggle is too advanced, the workers respond with more Peoples War. In general, workers in Latin America and the world repudiate liberalism in all its forms.]

Lima, May 3. The right to strike has been severely curtailed by the dictatorship. In 1992, there were 219 strikes as compared with 613 strikes in 1990. Most of the strikes after

1990 were violently repressed by the Armed Forces. Hundreds of leaders were murdered, disappeared or imprisoned. Peruvian wealthy capitalists organized in the business confederation CONFIEP expressed total support for Fujimori for increasing their profits more than 40%.

The time for peaceful demonstrations in Peru is phasing out. Students of La Cantuta, San Marcos, miners of Centromin, and teachers were savagely beaten and fired from their jobs. What is left for the people in Peru? The Armed Strikes with massive participation of the poor and led by armed combatants of the Peoples Army that are frequently paralyzing the country. To more dictatorship of the government, more democracy of the Peoples War. The PCP is building the Peoples Front of Liberation for the forthcoming insurrection in the cities. [*El Comercio*]

Satipo, Mayo 9. Notimex. Maoist guerrillas of the PCP and the Army clashed for several hours in the locality of Aurora, province of Satipo. Several soldiers were killed, This is the second military clash in 48 hours, two days ago in the community of Pacae at least 15 soldiers were killed.

Lima, May 9. The Army-run National Committee of Peasant Rondas, formed to serve as cannon fodder to fight the insurgency of the PCP, has claimed an inflated membership of 6 million. They want a dissolution of the organization, since it is ineffective to defeat subversion. Juan Cabrera, Secretary of Defense, called the organization anemic and temporary, whose structure is totally controlled by the Army. He confirmed that the Maoist rebels are far to be defeated as claimed by Fujimori. [*La Republica*, May 9].

Huancavelica, May 10. At 6 P.M., members of the Peoples Army led by a woman took over the mining company "Marta", located at 65 km. from the city of Huancavelica. The Maoists seized 30 boxes of dynamite. [*El Comercio*, May 11].

Oxampampa, May 12. Combatants of the PCP clashed with members of the Army on May 9 in the localities of Enenaz, Villa Rica, Ubiriqui, and Pichinaki in the province of Chanchamayo. Initially this action was attributed by the government press to a tiny revisionist group that use to operate in the area. [*El Comercio*, May 12].

Ayacucho, May 15. 150 combatants of the Peoples Army clashed with the Army in Vilcashuaman. Many paramilitary peasant rondas were smashed, dozens of soldiers were

annihilated and some of them captured. The Army has sent reinforcements from the border with Ecuador to the 55 military garrisons in Ayacucho. (Most of the newspapers May 16).

Antonio Raimondi, May 15. Members of the PCP attacked the paramilitary peasant ronda of the town of Occori. Several Black Heads, as the stooges of the Army are called, were annihilated in combat. [idem]

Santa, May 16. A large contingent of PCP combatants armed with hand grenades and machine guns is operating in the localities of Chimbote and Pallasca. The rebels conduct active propaganda to passengers who travel along the main Andean highways. [*La Republica*]

Ayacucho, May 21. 10 combatants of the PCP took over the village of Chincho in Huanta. [*Expreso*]

Leoncio Prado (Huallaga), May 21. Army soldiers massacred dozens of civilians, including children and the elderly in the village of Palo Alto. Then the soldiers proceeded to ransack and burn several homes and stores. The Army accused the community of being subversive for having a meeting without their authorization in a nearby school. [*La Republica* May 22]

Huanuco, May 21. Combatants of the PCP clashed with the Army in the Upper Huallaga between towns La Esperanza and Pacae. Several soldiers were annihilated. [*La Republica* May 22]

Lima, May 21. At least one soldier died and other 5 wounded in a clash between Maoist guerrillas and the Army in the district of Carhuamayo. In another action, the rebels sprayed walls with the slogan: "Long Live the 15th Anniversary of the Peoples War" and posted red flags in all electrical poles of the locality of Pulcamayo. Similar actions occurred in the city of Huancayo. [*Expreso* May 22]

EFE, May 22. Fujimori stated to *OGlobo* du Brazil "Guzman is very sick. He suffers from psoriasis and is very depressed...he will die within 3 years... I will allow him one interview before the year 2000 and before he dies... I do not believe in the death penalty... My wife is stupid. I wrote her thesis and took her exams." He continued, "I am inventing a country, I have no model. There will be spectacular economic results... My daughter Keiko will be my successor... The people are happy. The people are happy with the Army and the SIN." (EFE May 21)

[Reply: In 1992, this mediocre hypocrite Fujimori declared that he wants the death penalty for Gonzalo. Now he contradicts himself. Let us remember that he publicly boasted that he will finish off the PCP by July 1995. Here is July and the PCP is as bold as ever. Why does Fujimori drip poison from both sides of his mouth when talking about our leader? For the simple reason that his trap of "peace talks" he is desperately seeking, was unmasked by the PCP as a counterrevolutionary hoax. Let it be clear that President Gonzalo has never capitulated. The fake letters and videos were fabricated by SIN. Gonzalos powerful thought calling the Peruvian people to continue the struggle until communism is well known by the people of the world. Fujimori must remember the ultimatum he received from the PCP. This was published on Jan. 1994 in *El Diario-Lima*: "If anything happens to our leader while imprisoned, he and his..." Maria Angola is only a warning.]

Trujillo, May 23. Violent clashes between the Army and members of the PCP took place in the city of Santiago de Chuco, Huamachuco and other populations in the Andean region. [*Diario Onda*]

Ancash, May 23. The Army has taken away all weapons from the paramilitary peasant group in Huamari. They were accused of having infiltrators of the PCP among their members. [*La Republica*]

Lima, May 24. A car bomb exploded with 100 kg. of explosives at the wealthy "Maria Angola" casino hotel in Miraflores. One eye-witness told a radio reporter that prior to the blast, at least seven Maoist guerrillas entered the heavily guarded hotel and forced everyone to evacuate the premises. They left and the bomb went off, leaving the building shattered. The humane action of the PCP to evacuate the building in order to minimize casualties was distorted by the government press. They maliciously stated the purpose of the rebels was to rob the safe. Everyone knows that this action was an appropriate, just and bold response to Fujimoris threat of murdering President Gonzalo. Fujimoris hand-pick. Prosecutor, Blanca Nelida Colan, called for the death of the "subversives." This bloody hyena has debts of blood with the people. She is the same Colan, and her crony Daniel Espichan Tumay, who encouraged and covered up the assassination of 300

political prisoners in the jail of El Fronton in 1986. Another enemy of the people, Enrique Bernales, formerly in the United Nations as the governments "human rights" appointee and now the U.N. Human Rights watcher in Peru, stated: "this is a crime of Sendero." All this "human rights" watcher does is to whitewash the crimes of Fujimori and always calling for more Army repression and bloodshed. [*El Comercio*]

Lima, May 24. CASINO MARIA ANGOLA. John Caro, former Chief of Dincote said: "Strategically, the war against the subversives is almost over, but we need to defeat them ideologically. The action at the Maria Angola Hotel is not the work of Sendero. It may be the work of common criminals. Sendero does not conduct robberies before their attacks. Sendero without Guzman is finished." Other "advisors" of Fujimori, Senderologists in *Resumen Semanal*: Enrique Bernales, "This action was carried out by at least 30 Senderistas", Carlos Tapia "...the owner of the casino hotel Maria Angola is a former Defense Minister, a retired Army General. This may be a case of drug traffickers, not of Sendero. This would be unusual for Sendero. They don't hit the wealthy with car bombs... If Sendero did it, then this is an important reconstruction that we did not know about. The Lima Metropolitan Committee has been infiltrated and now they come up with this. This action was carried out by 60 to 70 people. Sendero in Lima has more combatants than 70, obviously, but they apparently lack coordination. [*La Republica*]

In Huaraz (6/28/95), the Minister of Interior, General EP Juan Briones said the action was done by Sendero.

Oiga Magazine: "...to each political military action, guerrilla attacks, explosions, take-over of cities, annihilation, and propaganda of the terrorists, we have been calling it `the last hurrah. To the military operation Aries in Upper Huallaga with great fanfare the government outlets called it `the final battle. The guerrillas warned the people before the explosion to minimize victims. That is a big change. On the other hand it reveals a careful and sophisticated planning. The action was carried out in a area heavily protected by the military, in the heart of Miraflores. It means that Sendero is not made up of a bunch of fanatics but it has very good leaders. They acted with at least 50 persons. Therefore, this action was a very simple response to the provocation of Fujimori who gave us the date of the funeral of Guzman..." The last one is a good analysis considering it came from a reactionary outlet such as *Oiga*.

Lima, May 25. The dream of the reactionaries in seeing the death of the PCP has faded away forever. They woke up running in panic during red May. The PCP is active countrywide. Hundreds of political and military actions by guerrillas are frequent. Military victories of the rebels are converted by the governments propagandists as "captures of top PCP leaders". Clashes and ambushes by the PCP are converted into "terrorist actions" and massive roundups of innocent civilians are made into "arrest of guerrillas." It is impossible to stop the will of the people!

Lima, May 29. While the people starved, and while Camet, the Minister of Economy, warns "No salary increases for workers this year", the old song "Let's pay on time to the IMF for the good image of Peru" has been used to pay the interest of the huge loans to capitalists countries. Efraim Goldemberg, Foreign Minister, requested \$1,701,590 to make payments to some foreign capitalists who invest in his Ministry. The "broker" Goldemberg will ship the wealth of the Peruvian people to their foreign masters under the following pretext: 1) The image of Peru will improve; 2) it will help our diplomacy in the conflict with Ecuador, and 3) we will recover our voting rights in the lending organizations. Let us remember Belaundes favorite word: "Peru is a good payer." How much do Goldemberg and other thieves of the government get out of these deals?

THE KILLER PRIESTS. Ayacucho. June 1995. The newly-appointed Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani Thorne of Opus Dei has been identified as a counterinsurgency expert, an anti-communist working in Ayacucho for the last seven years. The magazine *Caretas* states: "Cipriani is the political representative of Fujimori in Ayacucho. He manages the governments counterinsurgency funds known as 'Foncodes and those of Caritas. His relationship with the Army and the paramilitary Peasant rondas is very close. He justifies the crimes of the Army and the rondas in his sermons...he advocates the radicalization of the paramilitary." Cipriani openly preaches from the pulpit: "Those who are against the government and the military authorities are my enemies. There is no middle ground. Those who claim to be independents are suspects." On December 9, 1993, in a large mass in commemoration of the battle of Quinua against the Spaniards (ironically he is a Spaniard), Cipriani stated: "Those who are against the Armed Forces are traitors to the motherland." He made this statement at the same time the culprits of the Cantuta murder case were being exposed (the death squad Grupo Colina). Cipriani visits the communities of Ayacucho along with the head of the paramilitary of Ayacucho Susano Mendoza Pareja "Commander Lobo". Here is the role of the Vatican to combat the Peoples War! Assassin priests openly bless the bloody guns of the Army. This is not only happening in Ayacucho. In the Ashaninka Peoples Committee, a sinister Yanqui killer "Father Mariano" was already exposed. In 1994, the Vatican through its program Cor Unum financed 148 small projects on peasant land in Latin America. Many of them are in Peru. "Ayuda in Action" is a Spanish group working with Cipriani in counterinsurgency efforts: Eva Villar, an Opus Dei member and Project Manager explains its role: "Ayuda in Action works with the Peasant Rondas. Most of our activities are implemented through them. We seek the consolidation of the rondas." Cipriani was sent to Peru by the Vatican about the same time that Polish priests were caught organizing and training paramilitary in the North in the late '80s. We all know what happened to the "killer Polish priests" who worked hand-in-hand with the genocidal Armed Forces, don't we?

Spain, June 13. In an interview for the paper *El Pais*, Fujimori admitted that the PCP is not defeated. Then he said: "Sendero is completely disorganized, 98% of its leaders are in jail."

Note. Bingo! Puppet Fujimori now swallows all the garbage he has been saying about the PCP for the last 3 years. Where are his promises of a defeated Sendero by July 1995? All were worthless propaganda to try to split the PCP, to reelect himself, to seek foreign investment and resuscitate tourism.

Huanuco, June 13. At least eight soldiers died in several clashes between Maoist combatants of the PCP and the Army in the Upper Huallaga Valley. [Most of newspapers]

Lima, June 14. Fujimori, heavily protected in the Army garrison "Los Cabitos" of Ayacucho, threatened a TV broadcaster that reported on the intense guerrilla activity. He contradicted what he has confirmed to *El Pais* from Spain. He warned: "I protest the irresponsibility of that publication that has not based its report on official sources. That kind of report keeps away tourism." "I protest on behalf of the people of Ayacucho. In Ayacucho there is only peace."

Note. Once again, Fujimori confirms what journalists should report on the war: only news based on official sources. Thus the press in Peru becomes the mouthpiece of one of the parties in the conflict: The genocidal Army. Another point. The propaganda of "defeat of Sendero" serves to increase tourism. He talks "on behalf of the people of Ayacucho" is the most outrageous pretense of this criminal that has showered himself with the blood of more than 30,000 Peruvians. The heroic people of Ayacucho, the birthplace of the Peoples War, is engaged in daily combat against the genocidal army of Fujimori. What peace is he talking about? The peace of cemeteries. The mass graves, the genocides of Accoramarca, Cayara, Huanta, Cangallo, the burning and destruction of poor communities. All these crimes should condemn Fujimori as a mass murderer, the butcher of Ayacucho.

June 21. Abraham Lama, InterPress Service. "ETArrization of the PCP" is the new term coined by Peruvian Senderologists. First they fabricate a split in the PCP which does not exist. To make it somehow more digestible, this story is spouted by two surrogates of Senderogist Degregori (who is too discredited or burnt out to speak for himself), and whose U.S. funded NGO Institute of Peruvian Studies (IPS) has released this story signed by the socio-cops Alberto Panessi and Raul Serrano.

The story begins with the tale that there are two Senderos (the dream of Fujimori), those who are in prison with Guzman and those outside with "Feliciano" who still persist in the struggle. They even give fictitious names to the supposed factions: "right conciliators" and "liquidators of the left" respectively. Acting like hooded judges of the tyrant, they issue a holy judgment: The split is official! "Guzman proposes a temporary retreat, whereas Feliciano wants an ETA-like organization." This last statement is laughable. The PCP, a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist, Gonzalo Thought Party compared with the Spanish anarchist group ETA. The handful of actions of the nationalist ETA compared with the hundreds of political military actions countrywide by the PCP. That comparison does not match ideologically, politically nor militarily. In 1993 the mercenary Degregori and his cronies of the IPS used to say: "The PCP is like the Khmer Rouge of Polpot". In 1981: "The PCP is an occult group like the Hari-Krishnas". And now in 1995, they pull the last rabbit under the hat: "It is like the ETA." The IPS stories lack credibility. They respond to the needs of their paymasters U.S. imperialism and Fujimori, for purposes of propaganda. We would recommend to the "scholars" of IPS to review once again the basics of Maoism.

Yet, the "scholars" go as far as to cite Mao: "The PCP has converted violence as the only political formulation". This proves that the boasting of the Dincote to have captured recent PCP documents are pure fabrications. At no time the PCP has stated, "has there been a strategic retreat". What the PCP maintains is that the revolution is the main tendency of today's world. To state that "when the enemy advances you must retreat, and if the enemy retreats you must advance" is a gross vulgarization of Maoism. Since when are these mercenaries of the IPS the spokesmen of President Gonzalo? It is obvious they are part of the dirty work of counterinsurgency. The PCP has repudiated the counterrevolutionary claptrap of the regime (who claimed to speak for President Gonzalo) that the PCP "will retreat deeply and for a long-time."

It is the wishful thinking of SIN, not Guzmans, that "the PCP will concentrate on peaceful educational efforts." These efforts are being made in the heat of the struggle in these 15 years of Peoples War. Of what military victory speak these merchants of the government if their "commander in Chief" Fujimori has admitted that "Sendero is not defeated"? Now they say that in 1992 there were conditions of seizure of power by the PCP. However, the publications of ISP of early 1992 stated that Sendero was being defeated by the Army's peasant rondas. So, which of the ISP assertions are true? We believe none, since NGOs, such as the ISP, respond to the political needs of the regime. Now the tactic of the regime is to invent a "divided Sendero", "Feliciano vs. Guzman". But these are only fabrications, since the "great intelligence service" of Fujimori does not know who the members of the upper organizational structure of the PCP are. As the 1995 PCP document "Instructions" states: "The Party lives because it was able to form in all levels organizations superior to the those of reaction." Lastly, to state that "terrorism is the only response of the PCP" is to ignore deliberately the countless guerrilla actions (military and political) in the entire country.

Huaraz, June 23. Maoist guerrillas took over the province of Carlos Fermin Fitzcarral (San Luis), the prosecutor and the mayor of the district of Yauya were detained and subsequently released by the guerrillas.

Lima, June 25. *El Mundo*. The activities of the Army death squad known as "Grupo Colina" were published in this paper.

The first action occurred on November 3, 1991, in Barrios Altos in midtown Lima. 15 people, among them children and women, were murdered in their homes. In Santa, on May 2, 1992, they kidnapped and latter assassinated 9 people. In Huacho, on June 22, 1992, they killed the journalist Pedro Yauri. The last reported was on July 18, 1992 in La Cantuta University where they kidnapped at gunpoint first, then tortured and murdered, one professor and 9 students. There is no evidence whatsoever that the victims were members of the Peoples Liberation Army as claimed by the killers.

June 25. *El Mundo*. Members of "Grupo Colina" and other military units involved in crimes against the people since 1980 were given unconditional amnesty by Fujimoris Congress. This shows that the Army is in control in Peru. Death squad members will be sent abroad under different identities so they can protected from revolutionary justice. Meanwhile, thousands of innocent civilians unjustly accused for subversive activities to prop up Fujimoris boast of "Sendero is finished" remain in jail under inhuman conditions.

Junin, June 25. Army and police forces invaded the National University of Huancayo and arrested more than 100 students for allegedly supporting the PCP. Under pressure of the families, 90 were released. But 10 students were kidnapped and declared disappeared. [Published on 6/26 by *La Republica*]

Where are the hypocritical "human right groups" such as Americas Watch?

Lima, June 26. *La Republica*. Demetrio Chavez "El Vaticano" considered by the US-DEA as one of biggest narco-trafficker of Peru, declared to Peruvian TV (Channel 4) that he has worked hand-in-hand with the Army to combat "Sendero Luminoso" in the Huallaga valley. "I organized a paramilitary of 35 to fight against Sendero." What Vaticano did not say is why he split with his cronies, the narco-generals in Upper Huallaga. There are two theories on this. He split with them for not paying them higher taxes (cupos) or he was put in jail due to strong pressures of the DEA.

In any case, this proves beyond any doubt the Armys involvement in cocaine trafficking in Huallaga, the greatest coca producer in the world. It is obvious that Vaticano was the scape goat (the trophy) of Fujimori to his master Clinton in order to assure further U.S. military and economic aid.

Ayacucho, June 29. *Diario Onda*. 200 members of an elite Army batallion, along with 350 paramilitary peasant rondas (used as a shield), are engaged in combats with a contingent of the PCPs Peoples Liberation Army in the locality of Razuhuilca, a stronghold of the PCP. Warplanes and helicopters are bombing the peasant communities in the area.

Lima, June 30. Army General Victor Pow Sang issued a decree on behalf of the Armed Forces which demands the immediate implementation of the amnesty Law (The Law of Impunity) for the authors of the mass murders in Barrios Altos and La Cantuta. *La Republica* states that it is a fact that there is close coordination between the Army and Fujimoris "Congress."

Lima, June 30. The governments paper *El Peruano* announced that 14,504 Maoist rebels of "Sendero Luminoso" were "captured" from January 1991 to May 1995. "The Armed Forces have carried out 4,500 countersubversive military operations and 4,631 subversives were arrested in 1994. In 1995 up to May 15, 502 'terrorists were captured".

Year	Guerrilla Actions	Political Actions
1990	2,764	559
1991	5,266	125
1992	5,337	NA
1993	2,393	1,277
1994	1,024	655
1995	(through April) 502	NA

Source: The Armed Forces. Published in El Peruano June 30, 1995.

[This official data contradicts previous claims by Fujimori that after the "bend in the road" the PCP actions have diminished. These numbers refers to direct military clashes between Army and PCP forces. Most of the PCP actions in the interior such as the take over of cities and ambushes were not listed. In addition, it is known that a large area of the territory (about 1/3) is out of the reach of the State, where the PCPs presence is strong. Therefore, the Maoists activities in these areas are also not being listed.]

Apurimac, July 2. Clashes between PCP guerrillas and the Army were reported in the Andean provinces of Grau, Antabamba and Chincheros located in the border with Ayacucho. [*El Comercio*]

Lima, July 2. The government has issued decree 26493 that authorizes the reorganization of the universities in the country. Three schools have been specifically targeted: San Marcos, La Cantuta, and Huancayo. The deans and members of the Assembly including student councils will cease to exist. The schools now will be officially under military occupation and the authorities will be appointed by the political-military authority. The government claims this is part of its "fight against Sendero". Some of its apologists, such as *Expreso* (Dornellas) justify this fascist law as part of the "modernization". The student movement is fighting back with massive mobilizations and their steady incorporation into the Peoples War.

Lima, July 3. A contingent of the PCP attacked the residence of Victor Joy Way, a close crony of Fujimori in the illegitimate Congress, and SIN. The first action of the runaway "Congress" he presides was to grant amnesty to all the military sentenced for human right abuses, including the members of the death squad "Grupo Colina". The rebels attacked the fortified house in two cars at about 9:30 PM on July 2. The explosion caused about \$200,000 in damages. Joy Way, a Minister during the massacre of Cantogrande in 1986, also named by Fujimoris wife as a corrupt bureaucrat who has taken bribes from a privatized State company, obviously deserves this just "warning" by the PCP. Joy arrogantly boasted, "I protest against the journalists, some intellectuals and even some members of the Church, for encouraging this action of the terrorists". *El Comercio* indicates that the PCP has consolidated its urban guerrilla activity, and the government should discard its songs of victory. *El Comercio* also stated that Fujimori will provide a "token" amnesty decree for a handful of prisoners unjustly accused of being members of the PCP and who have being already declared innocents by the Courts.

One hour after of the attack on Joy Way, other combatants of the PCP hit the residence of a member of the top brass of Dincote who had participated in the capture of President Gonzalo. [Most of the newspapers]

Lima, July 6. The right hand of Fujimori, Victor Joy Way, recently "warned" by the Maoist combatants, criticized the bourgeois "opposition" on the Law of Impunity and commented on the PCP: "The 'opposition does not understand this law and we dont know what they really want, on the contrary, Sendero knows what it wants and why. The few excesses of the military is not the same than 4,500 repentants of Sendero." [This is clear, Joy Moy is the spokesman of the Armys death squads and he deserved the just punishment by the PCP. Who were the 4,500 repentants? Mostly innocent civilians pulled

from their homes and paraded for the TV to show Fujimoris "defeat of Sendero." What does the bourgeois `opposition wants? They want coaptation, participate in the governments corruption and benefit from entitlements. In other words, they want a piece of the cake. *Expreso*]

Lima, July 6. *Caretas* No. 1370. Fernando Rospigliosi writes: "The success of Sendero is due to the debacle of SIN and Dincote. The 'great police capture team was dismantled. General Ketin Vidal, Col. Benedicto Jimenez is in Panama, and col. Marco Miyashiro is collecting taxes." Rospigliosi neglects to inform that the "great capture" was the work of special forces directly controlled by the U.S. The Peruvian "pims" played a secondary role. Ketin and others were relocated to be protected from revolutionary justice, the PCP. They can run but cant hide from revolutionary justice. On July 1, the Maoists punished one Dincote hit man Juan Navarro Miranda who is the personal body guard of Ketin. [*Expreso*, July 3].

Lima, July 7. At 5:30 AM, 3 combatants of the PCP attacked the police station of Monserrate. Weapons were seized. No casualties were reported. According to Dincote, there is a visible work of the PCP in the labor movement and the grass roots organizations in Ate Vitarte, in the main industrial belt along the central highway. Franco Nieves a writer of the official paper *El Peruano*, and the TV broadcasters indicated that the PCP is seeking the control of the unions and students. This campaign goes along with Armys search and siezure operation of unions and universities. [*El Mundo*]

DEATH SQUADS IN ACTION. On July 8, one of the Fujimoris death squads active in Pativilca, kidnapped two elderly activists, Humberto Olivares (80) and his wife Maria Casa (82). He was the leader of the Peoples Defense Committee of "El Porvenir", an anti-government shantytown organization. This cowardly crime perpetrated by the Armys death squads was blamed by Fujimori on the guerrillas. [*La Republica*, July 11]. On July 8, members of Dincote seized and ransacked the offices of the Human Rights Commission in the district of Jesus Maria-Lima. They confiscated computer diskettes and documents regarding the Cantuta Murder and the assassination of the student Victor Ramirez Arias at the hands of The Army [Most of the papers]. In Pucayacu, Leoncio Prado, Huanuco, death squads removed from their homes and then assassinated four community leaders. [*El Mundo*, July 6].

Callao, July 8. At 5:30 AM, just 30 minutes before Fujimori departed from the Directorate of the Air Force, more than 12 Maoist combatants attacked this military quarters with machine guns. No casualties were reported but the facility was damaged.

Couple of days later, a major fire and explosion was heard in the Navy Base of Callao where President Gonzalo is secluded. Apparently an ammunition depot was set on fire. More than 15,000 people who live nearby were evacuated. [Most of the newspapers on July 10]

Requena, July 9. Maoist combatants defeated the Army in the locality of San Juan de Cumaceba, district of Maquia. The entire community greeted the rebels and most of the youth volunteered to serve in the Peoples Army. The paintings on the walls read: "Long Live President Gonzalo, Victory to the Peoples War." [*El Comercio*]

TOCACHE, San Martin, July 10. More than 100 Maoist combatants supported by the local population seized the city of Nuevo Progreso. The Army and police posts were smashed. After a big rally and mobilization of the joyful people in the streets of the city, the combatants withdrawn. Four policemen were killed, 10 wounded and several were captured. The combatants blew up the police station, National Directorate (DINANDRO) and the Army post. At 8:30 PM, The guerrilla attacked from three fronts. All walls from the city were painted in red with pro-PCP slogans: "Down with the Dictatorship, Long Live President Gonzalo," "Victory to the Peoples War." Two days later, when the Maoists withdrew, government troops arrived in helicopters and strafed the civilian population. Soldiers were observed erasing the paintings and cleaning the rabble. One painting done by the government troops and a government's journalist read: "Long Live President Feliciano." This futile attempt to mislead the people on a non-existent division of the PCP did not work. Also there were allegations on the participation of foreign individuals such as the alleged commander "El Gringo." The latter is also discarded, the PCP does not use terminology such as commanders or sub-commanders. [Most of the newspapers]

IEC LAWYERS IN PERU

Lima, July 20. Attorney Peter Erlinder and Rev. Michael Yasutake from the U.S., Attorney Juan Jose Languines of Colombia and Dr. Stefanos Papageorgiou from Greece were part of the IEC delegation to Peru. They were denied access to the navy base where President Gonzalo is presumably detained. They have courageously denounced the criminal regime of Fujimori that keeps the leader of the revolution in complete isolation for more than two years. Fujimori has threatened to murder President Gonzalo within 3 years and more than 4,500 political prisoners are in concentration camps in blatant violation of international agreements regarding the fair treatment of prisoners of war. The IEC members were followed at close distance by agents of SIN and by the known propagandist of Fujimori Maria Martinez of Univision (Spanish TV in USA). One agent of SIN disguised as "journalist" jumped from a military jeep, and asked Dr. Erlinder:

"How about Tarata, 30 people were killed?" Since the PCP has already replied clearly the empty question on Tarata and Fujimori's death threat against President Gonzalo with the greeting to Maria Angola, Erlinder did not need to reply to the dogs of Fujimori.

How about the genocides of Cantogrande, Los Barrios Altos, Accomarca, El Fronton, La Cantuta, Huallaga, Huanta, Cangallo, Huamanga, Cotabambas among others that were committed by the genocidal armed forces? Wealthy Tarata and Maria Angola have paid their fair share, why only the shantytowns of Huaycan, Ate Vitarte and others that are being continuously bombed by the army?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Toronto, Canada

Dear Editors,

Some of the reactionary Peruvians in the Internet keep on posting their scribbling supporting tyrant Fujimori in Peru and slandering our positions. They do not say a thing of any relevance, but only display their ignorance about the oppressive nature of capitalism or their complete indifference to it. Personally, I've got to praise *The New Flag* for posting the only intelligent and insightful articles in the Peru newsgroup. Its articles display thorough research and well thought out theories. I certainly realize that most reactionary Peruvians are not at the level of *The New Flag*. But just because they cannot understand what the editors of *The New Flag* are saying is no reason to condemn the right *The New Flag* has to express its views. Moreover, it is important that we have direct access to the views of the PCP instead of having to rely for that information on the clearly biased capitalist media.

Regarding the violence of the PCP the reactionaries so much condemn, the Peruvian government has been the perpetrator of much more violence than the PCP could have. States, as Max Weber put it, have a monopoly of violence--for good or bad. That is what allows them to become the dominant institution in society.

If the PCP was any more violent than the Peruvian government, then the PCP would be the government. You see that the Peruvian masses have been oppressed by the minority controlled state for several centuries now. The oppression and repression perpetrated by the state--which allows for vast privileges for one group over another--will not be given up by the state peacefully. People do not like to give up their privileges, however unjust they may be. So we see that a violent resistance is needed to bring about an end to suffering of the most (the people). If this does not happen, then the visible violence (that which differs from the norm--i.e., the PCP) will give way to the violence of the state. The state's violence is not as visible as that of the PCP, because it is the norm rather than the exception. Many people have come to accept it as a part of reality. But the suffering is

still there, and people are still being murdered, coerced by hunger and disease. Those arguments that condemn the PCP's violence are truly short sighted. Instead they turn out to be another's "lets not make any trouble, and let the people keep suffering."

Keep up the good work!

Oscar.

Peruvian TV Interviews *The New Flag*

March 25, 1995

Interviewer: Veronica Insausti, "Revista Dominical" Channel 4 of Lima.

Question 1. Is *The New Flag* the main propaganda vehicle of RIM or one of the many Marxist- Leninist-Maoist groups worldwide?

Answer. There is a saying in Ayacucho: "Forget us but do not confuse us." We have nothing to do with RIM. RIM is a progressive group that with all its limitations and shortcomings supports the revolution in our country. *The New Flag* is the voice of the Peru's People's Movement (MPP) in North America. Our goal is to increase the awareness of the American people on the struggle of the oppressed masses that are making reality the heroic People's War led by the PCP. The Peruvian people face the most brutal repression and censorship in their history by the genocidal regime headed by U.S. lackey Fujimori. *The New Flag* informs the public about the democratic character of the revolution in Peru and the unstoppable advances of the People's War today in the stage of strategic equilibrium.

Question 2. What are the objectives of this new system of propaganda, using the cybernet worldwide? I asked this question because generally, the press reports the PCP is an old fashioned organization.

Answer. Contrary to the contentions of the yellow press in Peru and the mercenaries known as Senderologists, the PCP is a Communist Party of a new type. The PCP has nothing of archaic or occult. It is a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Party. The PCP document: "The Rectification Campaign with Peoples War Yes, and Elections No" states that we must use all informational weapons in our reach (including modern technology) to spread the ideology of the Party and thus generate an international public opinion favorable to the People's War.

Question 3. Who is Quispe? Why don't you tell us who your leaders are?

Answer. And would you like their addresses, also? Your question appears to be like a police interrogation. This is a question frequently asked by entities such as SIN, headed

by the murderer Montesinos. Let us remind you that we are not afraid at all of the criminal regime of Fujimori. Where is its great labor of intelligence that they don't know who the opposition abroad is? The same happens with the "great intelligence of Fujimori" inside Peru. For instance, most of the 4,000 thousand political prisoners were thrown in jail illegally to fit its cheap propaganda of a "defeated Sendero". It is a crude psychological warfare to prevent Peruvians abroad, those with dignity and courage, to speak up and denounce the countless crimes committed by the most despicable, the most criminal in Peruvian history, the most corrupt and sellouts to Yanqui imperialism: Fujimori and his cohorts in the genocidal Armed Forces.

Question 4. Now that most of the leaders of the PCP are dead or in prison, do you have contacts with the PCP?

Answer. The tale of Fujimori of a dead PCP or a leaderless People's War cannot be taken seriously. A basic knowledge of counterinsurgency warfare tactics applied by the U.S. in several countries reveals that any innocent civilian, forcefully taken from his home, may be converted by the Army (and highlighted by its press) for propaganda purposes as an important "captured" guerrilla leader. The same human rights groups financed by imperialism maintain that 70-75% of imprisoned in Peru for "terrorism" are innocents. Granted, we concede that their only merit was the capture of President Gonzalo. However, this was not due to their great intelligence work but to the inevitable mistakes in the revolutionary camp. The regime has capitalized on this unfortunate event to the fullest extent, but the fruits of its "success" has been exhausted. They have nothing else to show. The battlefields show the victories of the People's Army. The PCP has generated thousands of leaders. Their ideological strength enable the cadres to assume Party responsibilities at higher levels. They are like the fish in a river that never dries up. Its flow can change speed, but it will never reverse course or stop until the arrival of Communism. Where is the claim of a 'personality cult' attributed to the PCP? It was a lie. The masses make history, the PCP leads. After 500 years of misery and exploitation, in 1980 the fury of the masses launched revolutionary violence, the PCP channels it in a organized manner. Contrary to the slanders that the PCP engages in "terrorism", it leads a genuine revolution, a People's War. And it will seize power. You shall see it.

[Editor's Note. In future issues *The New Flag* will publish reports and interviews on its activities (e.g., CCN February 26, 1995, *The Miami Herald*, among others.)]

Dear Editor:

Hello, I have been following your mail in the news groups (Internet). I have lived in Peru for around one year. Now I go to Randolph-Macon College in Richmond, Va. I have been preparing a paper for one of my classes over the last couple of months. It is on the PCP (the real one), and the Shining Path (the false one slandered in the press). Part of my project is a report in front of many students and teachers. So I was wondering, since I noticed that you are very truthful and straightforward, whether you would like to write a

letter that I could read out loud coming from you and directed to these people. I have lived in South America (Colombia, Bolivia, y Peru) for about 12 years, total. But I still find it difficult to express certain ideas that you do a very clear job of explaining. So I would be very grateful for any words you send me to pass on to these people in Virginia.

Muchas Gracias,

Charles

Note. We sent a letter to Charlie so he can educate his class. It is true 'Shining Path' is a term used for those who think Communism is dead, those who accept the demonization of the PCP. We, revolutionaries in the world emphatically state: We support the Communist Party of Peru (PCP).

New York, March 14, 1995.

Dear Comrades,

Thank you for *The New Flag* in English. This kind of information has been sorely lacking. This is the first time I'm hearing from an authoritative source that the People's War is continuing in spite of the capture of President Gonzalo. The RCP-USA and RIM have consistently downplayed in their publications the advances made by the People's War during the last three years, and have remained silent about the hundreds of guerrilla actions carried out during that time. This silence was a grievous mistake which gave credence to the media lie that the PCP has been dealt a crippling blow.

In my experience, there are some serious flaws in the founding of RIM, especially in regard to RCP's role. In order to boost the semblance of a full blown International overnight, the RCP sponsored two fake organizations, representing Haiti and the Dominican Republic, to sign the declaration on an equal footing with mass based parties in their respective countries, and some of them are already engaged in armed struggle. At the time, the Haitian Revolutionary Internationalist Group (GRIA), the signing organization, consisted of a single individual (a Haitian revolutionary) and RCP sympathizer living in the United States. Later, some comrades, including myself, sought to join GRIA and to develop it in a honest basis of criticism and rectification. But the RCP Branch in New York circumvented several attempts to correspond with RIM's international secretariat and especially with the PCP, and hurriedly relocated the only GRIA member to another city in the U.S.

While this particular incident may seem trite and inconclusive, revolutionaries from other countries, especially from the Third World, who have come in contact with the RCP within the U.S., will readily attest to RCP's big country chauvinism (...) Some of this is evident in Bob Avakian's attempt to define the principal world contradiction in the 1980's in terms of the imperialist competition between the U.S. and the URSS. This definition a

la Trotsky negated the role of the masses under imperialism and amounted to a revision of the Marxist principle that class struggle is the motor of history. At the same time and in a subtle way, by making the U.S. the epicenter of world revolution and the principal aspect of the world contradictions, RCP was putting forward its claim to leadership within RIM. Meanwhile, it abandoned all pretense of organizing the genuine proletariat within the U.S. and entered into all kinds of reformist alliances with the U.S. anti-nuke movement, with the obvious result that the party became a small middle-class white organization with only a handful of blacks and Latinos in visible token positions.

I do not raise these issues to add fuel to the fire, but with the conviction that the only correct way to redress errors is through sharp criticism and self-criticism followed by rectification. Overall, I do not consider RCP a reactionary organization.

I am a firm supporter of the People's War in Peru, and I believe *Nueva Bandera's* position is correct on this issue.

Solidarite Mouvman Popile.

Denmark.

Dear comrades,

Our revolutionary greetings for your work in support of the People's War. We would like to exchange ideas and join our efforts in this great cause that must be tied to two important tasks: 1) In Defense of the Leadership, Against the Genocidal Dictatorship, and 2) Long Live Maoism. In the same manner, we must continue our struggle against capitulators, revisionists and informants who are being wipe out by the unstoppable advances of the People's War.

[...]

Distance is not an obstacle when there's a will.

Studiekretsen Rode Sol

[Sol Peru-Denmark]

BRUSSELS. Letter from *Diario International* to supporters in RI and WA. March 21, 95.

Dear cc.,

As you know, the CSRP which is led by RCP-USA has discontinued the translation of *Diario Internacional* (DI). They also refuse to distribute our Spanish Edition. The problem between them and us is ideological. It tends to become an antagonistic contradiction. Besides the boycott imposed to the distribution of DI by the bureaucracies of RIM, RCP, ICE, and others, we are making efforts to publish in English the main articles of DI. This is our task and we are asking for your cooperation.

[Here is the document In Defense of the Peruvian Revolution...]

In the near future, the articles of DI will be distributed in the worldwide Internet system, and they will be published monthly.

L.A.B.

El Diario Internacional

[Editor's Note. This letter was sent to a supporter in Rhode Island. *The New Flag* has translated into English the documents of *DI*: "Operation Capitulation", and selected articles of recent issues. In addition, we have distributed it worldwide by e-mail. *The New Flag* makes this contribution to any group in support of the People's War, we do it without asking anything in return as long as they live up to their principles. The MPP does not necessarily agree with Mr. Arce's position. But we believe he has taken a principled stand on the reactionary issue of the "peace accords"]

May 29, 1995

Dear comrades:

My name is J.K. I am a member of Local [deleted] United Steel Workers of America. I work at [deleted] in Southern RI. I recently learned of the People's War through one of your fliers. I have also seen some posters in Westerly and Kingston.

I also received past issues of *El Diario*, Lima in English. They were very good. I wish there was a militantly pro-worker Communist Party in the U.S., or at least in this area. The workers here are told many lies about revolution and especially about the Communist Party of Peru or Shining path. Our leaders fear it like the plague. What are they afraid of? The truth! They brag and swagger over the "death of Communism" but they are always looking over their shoulder [sic] and are scared to death that they may be overturned.

They know they are screwing the masses, who they want to drill into passivity with their drugs and entertainment and sex, etc. I am glad the Peru Support Committee in my area is there and so visible to tell the truth.

I have a question. *In Diario* of January 12, 1988, there is a reference to an article called: "The proletariat and the Struggle for Emancipation: Marxism and the Trade Union Movement." Would you please send me a complete copy. I would pay for it (although you never sent me a bill for the other stuff you have sent me).

There is an excellent bookstore in [deleted]. If you want, I would be glad to ask if they can carry your publications and *The New Flag*. Let me know.

Sincerely.

J.K.

March 15, 95

Dear friends,

I received *The New Flag*. It is excellent! However, I am no longer at USP-Marion. I've been transferred to the Administrative Maximun at Florence, CO.

Viva el PCP!

Raymond L. Levasseur.

Arm the Spirit

June 23, 95

Dear comrades,

VIVA EL PCP! Yes, the People's War is invincible. I am being transferred to the new Super Max Code for Torture Chamber. I would like to continue receiving your magazine, *The New Flag*. Please for the PCP, all I had.

In struggle and remains yours.

Zakia.

Canada: Socialisme Maintenant At The Forefront Of The Support Of The People's War In Peru.

Our warmest greetings to our comrades of Action Socialiste, a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist vanguard Party in Montreal. Their publications brings into light the repressive nature of the ruling class, the resistance of the Canadian people and their militant support to the People's War in Peru. On May 1st, 200 people participated in the Red Contingent that marched on the streets of Montreal. Most of them were members of the Internationalist anti-imperialist Bloc (BIA). A communiqué of BIA reads: "May First, International Worker's day, is a time to demonstrate the injustices we face and to take to the streets to defend our working and living conditions...In Canada, the capitalist class and their political parties have worked together to cut basic social services...and they are blaming the poor for the crisis in their own system.." The issue of June 1995: The Victorious Advance of the PCP, exposes the farcical elections of imperialism in Peru, the resounding success of the boycott to elections carried out by the PCP, 72% of Peruvians repudiated the election by boycotting it (absents, voids and lost votes). The provocation of the genocidal Fujimori, "Guzman will die in 3 years..." and the demolishing response of the PCP the following day by smashing their tourist center "Maria Angola" that once again, shook up the reactionaries.

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Australia. Committee For A Revolutionary Party In Australia (CRCP).

March 1995, *The Rabble Rouser*.

The nothing-to-lose proletariat must lead the people to raise up in struggle against the system NOW! It is Right to Rebel! declared President Mao. And that's what the people on the bottom of society -the class of modern slaves with nothing to lose but its chains- must do: Rise up and throw off the oppressors. Yes, revolution is the only solution to the crimes the imperialism system metes out to the oppressed in Australia and the world over. In other countries, most notable in Peru, our class brothers and sisters are waging People's War and dealing powerful blows to imperialism. We must raise up the specter of real communism, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. Let the ruling classes tremble at a communist revolution!

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Note. Two important documents in support of the PCP was published by the Maoists in Australia: "Why we support the revolution in Peru," and the book "The Maoist revolution in Peru."

Communist Party Of New Zealand (Aotearoa)

Dear Comrades,

We are writing to express our appreciation for your tireless efforts in support of the revolutionary struggle against capitalism and U.S. imperialism in particular.

The articles of *The New Flag* have been invaluable in combating the reactionary political and ideological offensive against the internationalism communist movement, Maoism and the PCP, being waged in this country as in other around the world. These communiques have been valuable for consolidating the ideological position of revolutionaries in this country around the banner of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and have also been welcome herald for Peruvian refugees here, who face a deafening silence from the media here on the progress of the People's War in Peru. We have taken the liberty of reprinting your articles in our journal "Revolution."

The Communist Party of New Zealand is regrouping comrades in this country betrayed by the realignments of left and right opportunists in the wake of the collapse of the revisionist regimes in Eastern Europe. In particular, the National Committee of the CP of New Zealand has abandoned its long, albeit often opportunist, associations with the internationalist communist movement, renouncing this for Trotskyism. We, of course, welcome the break of such opportunists from the CP. We see the revolutionary road through the reaffirmation of the basic tenets of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. We are anxious to learn from the experiences and analysis of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) as we commit ourselves to supporting the rapidly reemerging revolutionary communist movement from the sea of opportunism.

In struggle,

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Letter From Switzerland. The PCP And RIM

Dear Comrades,

A comrade of the MPP-Switzerland has provided me with the French translation of your article: "Reply from the MPP-USA to the RCP-USA." I greet your stand on the phony "peace accords", and I am in total agreement with the slogans: "Long Live the People's War", "Long Live Maoism, Down with revisionism."

In 1983, the RCP-USA contacted the PCP. They invited the Party to sign the Declaration of RIM of 1980 and the PCP turned down the proposal. The PCP did not agree with the contents of such a statement. RIM did not consider Mao-Tsetung Thought as Maoism or Marxism-Leninism-Maoism as today's Marxism. The decision of the PCP to become a fraction of RIM in order to develop Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, principally Maoism, was reaffirmed in the Fourth National Conference of the PCP in 1986.

In 1987-1988, the PCP published in "Bases of Discussion" a chapter on the international line addressing the RIM issue.

In "A World to Win" (AWTW) 1988/12, an article "Marxism-Leninism-Maoism New Document of the RCP-USA" included a resolution greeting RIM's declaration of 1980 (the one repudiated by the PCP). Thus, the title of the resolution and the content of it were contradictory. Here we have the first clear example of opportunism. Specifically, Avakian trying to impose his views to a Party and a great leader such as President Gonzalo already involved in 8 years of People's War. In two letters addressed to MPP-France on 4/24/88 and 5/12/89 I pointed out the hegemonic dreams of Avakian through writings in his newsletter "A World to Win." My first letter (copy enclosed) reads: "...The PCP has opened the path to the development of MLM in theory and practice. Today, without any doubt, the PCP is in the foreground of the international communist movement...In the struggle against opportunism, we observe the behavior of greedy leaders or would be leaders...We are the product of a class society in decomposition and all of us, in different degrees, have the stigma of these ills. The basis of the capitalist society is egoism, very few are free of this. For this reason, the great leaders of the proletariat cannot be counted in the hundreds...This would be rare considering the putrefied society in which we live. In this regard, I received this AWTW that contrary to the previous issues, I did not find a significant article dedicated to the People's War, but few letters from organizations supporting the PCP. The letter from India stated: "On the World Situation and the Tasks of Today" from the Central Committee of the CP (M-L) of India: "...Leading the world rebellion, is the People's War led by the PCP which is the light of the oppressed masses and the people of the world...that's the reason why the two imperialist powers in collusion are acting jointly to defeat this powerful revolution." The second I wrote stated, "...In the Chapter 'President Gonzalo and the International Line,'

President Gonzalo declared that the PCP considers RIM faces problems in different areas. He particularly demonstrated that the diverging points of the PCP and RIM are on the fundamental and decisive role of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, principally as the only, true and new stage in the development of the proletarian ideology which is applicable worldwide. Therefore, our disagreement, with the denomination of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. The later denomination is what Avakian tried to impose."

In AWTW of 11/12/1988 there is a new document of the RCP-USA entitled, "Marxism-Leninism-Maoism." The newsletter stated that the Second Central Committee of the RCP, a member of RIM, had its 8th Plenum and had approved the new document. In the first place, this was written by the leaders of the RCP and discussed internally by this Party. This document is accompanied by a resolution of the RCP-USA that greets the RIM: " We express our firm support to the declaration of RIM...The Central Committee sends its greetings and firm support to Co-RIM...for its leadership fundamentally correct and perseverance on the basis of the Declaration."

In sum,

- 1) No rectification on this erroneous declaration on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, was done.
- 2) In the new document "Marxism-Leninism-Maoism" there is not any self-criticism by Avakian and he does not explain the fundamental why the Third epoch is qualified as Maoism.

On the contrary, RIM (or Avakian) presents the abandonment of the slogan Mao Tsetung Thought by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism as his own inspiration. This makes me believe that the RCP development is obstructed by severe and detestable leadership methods, similar methods that facilitated the resurgence of modern revisionism and the liquidation of everything the proletarian revolution has built thorough the decades in struggle. This is a clear example that there will be no progress if we don't embark on an open struggle against opportunism of one thousand faces. [end of the letter]

To conclude, in number 1992/17 of AWTW, Bob Avakian published a large Castro-like article, "Democracy: More Than Ever We Must Do Better Than That." It is good to study this article to confirm our criticism to this opportunist.

I am shocked to learn that the old MPPs in Europe have swalled a huge and gross snake, just like the one the CIA had spread in the world: "The New Decision and New Definition" and "Peace Accords" that the People's War and the leadership of the PCP have completely smashed.

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Dear cc.,

Revolutionary Greetings!

Although I agree with you that the leaders of FSLN and FMLM have shown their traitorous opportunism (New Flag No. 4), the heroic people of El Salvador and Nicaragua have been exemplary in their anti-imperialist struggle. I am sure the PCP leadership has study them thoroughly. Even though their ideological limitations, the FMLN had reached a strategic equilibrium with the Army, but instead of going forward to launch the offensive, the leaders stabbed the people on the back. They negotiated an agreement with U.S. imperialism and U.N. and sold out the revolution. I think we should look the FMLN's struggle from a technical-military view point. 1) They were capable of maintaining two radio stations, the PCP needs a radio to propagate its actions and ideology. What do the peoples of the world need from the PCP? Yes, we celebrate its actions, but what we need the most is to learn its powerful ideology; 2) The FMLN was capable of neutralizing the air power of the enemy, for example, using missiles Stinger they brought down many helicopters and even U.S. planes. What would have been the end, if the people of El Salvador had the PCP's ideology? We would be celebrating the victory instead of a shameless capitulation. What is the most important task of the People's War in Peru? Seize Power! and then to extend the struggle from Alaska to the Patagonia. Peru, future base of the World Proletarian Revolution! Revolution will be the order of the day in the belly of the beast!

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Dear friends,

Thank you for *The New Flag*. I am a political prisoner of GRAPO and am in prison for 14 years. I found it very interesting as far as my English allows me to read. A Spanish version is badly needed here. Communist Greetings. Viva el PCP.

Jose Fernandez.

Turkey And Kurdistan

Devrince Sol, March 1995.

We have received the March 95 issue from our comrades of Devrince Sol. "The whole world is a battle field against imperialism. In Turkey, we are the spreading the fight. After Fazi, Nurtepe and Okmeydani, tomorrow will be all over the country! Revolutionary People's Liberation Front. "The struggle of the working class in Europe, in Africa the resistance of the people of Somalia, Rwanda, and Libia are examples of resistance...the anti-imperialist movements in the Middle East opposing the collaboration of the PLO, the Kurdish National struggle is growing. In Latin America, where the reactionary winds are blowing and despite of all adversities, the continuous armed struggle of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP), the uprising of peasants in Mexico are also the anger of the peoples against imperialism".

[Editors's Note. In Istanbul, 30,000 people marched against fascism on May 1st. The Army massacred the marchers allegedly to "prevent an armed action of the PKK". Another organization in the forefront of anti-fascist struggle in Turkey is the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP-ML), a Marxism-Leninism-Maoist Party.]

Excerpted from: *Storm Warning*. Vietnam Veterans Against The War Anti-imperialist.

Issue No. 31. Vietnam Revisited for the Empire? Who won the War? Fujimori wanted a "little Vietnam" and he is getting a big one with the victory of the Communist Party (PCP). Where are his empty words that the People's War will be wiped out by July 28? The article shed some light on the U.S. military aid, the role of the paramilitary peasants rondas as buffers for the Army and the imperialist propaganda when the paramilitary is crushed by the People's Liberation Army: "Sendero kills peasants." As in Vietnam, the U.S. and their client regime are again destined for defeat at the hands of heroic revolutionary fighters.

"We mark the 20th Anniversary of the U.S. defeat in Vietnam not to simply 'look back' but to look forward. Now more than ever U.S. imperialism needs to be opposed. History has shown us that they can be defeated and this important, lesson needs to be taught today."

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Socialist Voice.

Comrades,

Across the country, capitalist politicians are slashing out public services and jobs. They are whipping up racism and anti-immigrant chauvinism in order to divide and conquer the working class. There are a growing number of revolutionary-minded workers and progressive students who realize the problem isn't just the greed and racism of the rich and their established politicians, but the overthrow of capitalism and the creation of a worker's state.

The Populism of Worker's World Party (WWP) and its front National People's Campaign. WWP was able to organize rallies against the "Contract of America." However, WWP is a barrier to any revolutionary perspective in this country. WWP has a long history of collaboration with politicians of the capitalist Democratic Party. WWP pushes class collaboration. It is trying to build a "populist" cross road movement which, if successful will fall under the control of the Democratic Party. WWP uses the rhetoric of poor against rich instead of class against class. WWP builds front groups and safety-valves protest rallies, which allows liberal politicians to pretend to be on our side. For example, on its May 6 rally, WWP targets mainly the Republicans (Gingrich-Dole-Helms), it hides the fact that both parties together wage a class war. In the past, WWP endorsed Democrat politicians such as Jesse Jackson, Dinkins. Internationally they supported Gorbachev, and Mandela (how about Castro of the 80-90's?)...

[Reply. Can Troskytes criticize appropriately a group such as the WWP? We don't think so. It is true WWP has been one of the few groups able to call and organize the resistance of the latest attacks of the ruling class in the U.S. But they have limitations on all levels. They don't deliver a revolutionary political and ideological message nor they provide leadership to the desperate masses in this country. We disagree that the WWP is an impediment to revolutionary growth in this country. This is a smokescreen to justify your incapacity to organize the working class in the belly of the beast. As far as we know, WWP has done very little work among workers, immigrants and the student movements. The same is true for all the "left" in this country. But WWP has a political ability the others lack. It has the capacity to convoke the masses with good propaganda work. The masses respond and mobilize, but they feel frustrated. WWP turns to liberals and Democrats to deliver the political message. No wonder their main stars in the rallies are our old friends: Bill Kunstler and Ramsey Clark. On May 6th, we heard Bill shouting: "...We will resist the Contract by any means necessary" What did he mean? Obviously he refers to a lawsuit in the capitalist courts. The opportunist international line of the U.S. left is not the privilege of the WWP. What "left" group in the U.S. did not support the traitor Mandela of South Africa? How about the "socialist" Gorbachev and his reactionary Perestroika? Some still do. One example is the chronically "infiltrated" reactionary group named Socialist Workers Party. We do criticize WWP's countless blunders on its international line. They cover their opportunism with: "We support all struggles." Thus, they have supported and then abandoned (if they are no longer "hot" or convenient) genuine liberating struggles. For them, the Third World struggles should be used, period. They don't practice self-criticism. Since they "support all struggles" WWP has supported many reactionaries in the world including General Noriega from Panama,

Arafat, Abid in Somalia, and the revisionist regimes in Eastern Europe. In the case of the People's War in Peru, after the *NYT* published articles in the early 90's that the PCP was about to seize power, WWP's Youth Branch pushed its leadership to support the People's War. A Committee was set-up to study and prepare materials. WWP base militants participated in rallies and propaganda work. In 1992, the reactionary propaganda that the People's War was over hit the world. President Gonzalo was captured. WWP dismantled the Peru group. Some of the best pro-PCP militants were given "sweets" such as overseas trips. One of them, a promising youth leader and honest communist, was reassigned and sent to Cuba in a WWP delegation "invited" by Castro. Is the WWP withholding its support to the People's War until the *NYT* measures the political temperature in Peru? WWP's main "struggle" is the "normalization of U.S.-Cuban relations." Another WWP militant, who was also an active supporter of the People's War, was sent to white Russia as a correspondent of the paper. Thus, for more than two years reports on Peru have vanished from the WPP paper. That's the left in the U.S. The vanguard Party, a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Party in the U.S. needs to be built. "The working class must take advantage of all possible government hesitations and also the divisions in the bourgeoisie and the reactionary camp in order to accentuate the pressure in the area of economic struggle as well as in the political arena. But the working class, precisely to take fruitful advantage of the situation must maintain the revolutionary directives intact." LENIN.

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Dear comrades,

I received a copy of *The New Flag* for the first time last week. I was very glad to receive it and learn more about Peru and other parties around the world.

I would also like to inform you about the general situation in Burma.

Burma is rich in natural resources, and has enough agricultural land for its population of forty million, yet is very underdeveloped. It could surely be prosperous if it had a ruling system that was a people's government.

Burma gained independence in 1948, but along with independence came civil war. While the civil government of U Nu was ruling Burma in 1962, the military staged a coup and have held on to power until now.

The military dictatorship changed its face from the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP) to the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) in 1988 after the nationwide uprising against it. There has been a change of generals at the top, but the policies are the same: to oppress and exploit the people as much as they can.

As for the side of the revolution, all the different ethnic groups have their own armed revolutionary army. There is also the Communist Party of Burma (CPB) and the Red Flag Communist Party of Burma. The former party was very big and influential.

However, the latest turning point for the revolutionary groups came in 1989, when the Wa ethnic people, who formed the majority of the CPB, broke away and agreed to a cease-fire with the SLORC. This breakaway group is called the United Wa State Army (UWSA).

The reason the UWSA gave for making a cease-fire was that they did not have enough supplies to stand on their own. The real reason was their narrow nationalism and the fact that they had lost their faith in the revolution. The CPB was also at fault for treating the Wa as inferiors and not granting them high positions and not equipping them with Maoist ideology.

Now a mania for "peace" and the awarding for the Nobel Peace Prize to Aung San Suu Kyi has made people blind to the side of the revolution and has sapped their courage for armed struggle.

The main weakness of the revolution in Burma is right-wing opportunism. This has now caused 15 other armed groups to make cease-fire agreements with the main enemy, SLORC. They have no hope of gaining anything from the agreements, which only serve to give support to the military regime.

I strongly believe that the people will support a party which has a clear-cut policy against the SLORC, following armed struggle and the strong ideology of Mao.

Many thanks again for your bulletin, which is very encouraging and gives me strength.

In solidarity,

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MAOIST RALLIES IN BERLIN

On May First, more than 4,000 people participated in a mobilization celebrating the Day of the International Proletariat. On June 24th, thousands of Maoists marched on the streets of Berlin in the closing of the campaign: Long Live Maoism! Celebrating the

100th Anniversary of the birth of President Mao. This campaign was launched after President Gonzalo called for the celebration in his historic speech from the cage in September 1992: "Maoism marches forward to command the New Great Wave of the World's Proletarian Revolution... What do we need? We need Maoism to be instilled in the people... generating communist parties which will lead the World Proletarian Revolution."

SONG TO THE FUTURE

ON THE RUINS OF

THE WORLD

WHERE WE

SUFFER NOW

WE WILL CONSTRUCT

A WORLD

WHERE WE ALL

WILL ENJOY

And I not only say it

because I want to,

I say it because of the justice

of the cause I uphold.

To its ranks I march

with profound understanding,

since I understand its certain

final victory.

All evil will be ended

ON THE RUINS OF

THE WORLD.

This is why now in my song,

our struggles I must write

in order to transform

an immense

crying waves.

Let us end all crying

while together we advance,

to the world that we want

us the revolutionary masses.

Let us end those hours

WHERE WE

SUFFER NOW.

Fists and hammers

in the end you start fighting

to demolish

the rule of the criminals.

Our empty life

how sick and dying

rises up

against filth and corruption

this system of humiliation.

Only so with decision

WE WILL CONSTRUCT

A WORLD

A world where

never exist

murderers cops,

a world where
no pain is given
to workers and peasants,
a world with one thousand paths
where we go in peace,
a world where we sing,
our beautiful reality,
a world with equality
WHERE WE ALL
WILL ENJOY.

Author: Jose Valdivia Dominguez, JOVALDO.

Maoist poet imprisoned by the reactionary regime for his revolutionary poetry. He along with other 300 prisoners of war were murdered by the genocidal armed forces in the jail of El Fronton, Peru.

Su espiritu vive ...